

# ClassActs

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If anyone in the classes of the early 1940s would like to share news with the Middlebury community, please send it to Sara Marshall, at 108 Orchard Lane, Weybridge, VT 05753 or to smarshal@middlebury.edu.

**46** **Cynthia "Cinnie" Proud Jennings** lives in her lovely home near Delanson, N.Y., with her youngest daughter. They take daily walks, and she uses a cane when she can find it. She brings in wood for the wood stove. All has been fine during COVID because they're off on their own. Cinnie said she would like to be back at Midd and her message to classmates is "hang in there!" • **Mary Jane "Sel" Selleck Hellekjaer** graciously returned my phone call and told me that she bosses around the landscaping crew where she lives in Bethesda, Md., from her electric cart. She belongs to a knitting group, and she observed that she is busier than most people our age. I can believe it! • We were very sad to learn that **Lois Brigham Selnaud**'s youngest son died of cancer, and we send our sincere sympathy to Lois. Her oldest son, Paul, and his wife live nearby and are very helpful, taking care of her needs, business affairs, etc. Lois uses a walker to travel around her assisted living residence in Farmington, Conn., where she said there was too much going on. She still continues as our class agent. • **Ruth "Smiley" Riley Wendell** is enjoying life in her assisted living facility in Exeter, N.H., although she says that she misses driving—it cramps her style but, after a slight fender bender, she was told "at your age you shouldn't be driving anyway." She is very independent but has assistance she can call on if necessary, plus a daughter, Middlebury grad Phyllis Mackey '78, only 15 minutes away. Two grandchildren also graduated from Midd. In closing, Smiley said that she's glad the College kept the inscription "The Strength of the Hills Is His Also" while dropping the name of Mead from the chapel because of that benefactor's involvement in the eugenics movement.

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**47** Can you believe that 75 years ago we graduated from Middlebury College? On the 10th to the 12th of June, we celebrated the passing of those years. A number of our classmates indicated that they would be there "circumstances permitting." I will have more information about Reunion in the fall, but you can see photos of our class dinner on page 66 and our class photo on page 74. • I talked with **Peggy Armstrong Igleheart** last week. She had hoped to attend Reunion but due to a serious

eye problem, will be unable to. She awoke one morning blind in one eye. While that cleared, the problem did not, and for an indeterminate time she will be in and out of the neuro ophthalmologist's office as they identify the problem and seek a treatment for it. In the meantime, she is bothered by distorted vision which, of course, affects everything she does. Her children wanted her to be near one of them. As her son lives in Hong Kong, she chose not to live near him, and instead is near her daughter in Bloomfield, Conn. She is now the remaining matriarch of the family and finds it a strange feeling. She still enjoys her music. Although she is hampered by painful knees, she still enjoys life. We laughed at the poem which declares, "Go along with me; the best is yet to be." The poet obviously did not know what he was talking about. We are both concerned that as retirees target an area for future living and more and more move in (such as on Cape Cod), the young cannot afford to live there for a number of reasons and yet both groups need each other. Finally we agreed that life has been very good to us, and still is, and we have been enormously blessed. • Having emailed **Jinny Stowell James** for news, I received the following from her daughter, Hillery: "Unfortunately, Mum passed away in January; it was a rapid, quick, and peaceful end, but certainly 'too soon.' As I was her only child, she lived these last five years with me (and my husband and dog) and I am gradually settling her affairs and notifying her friends. I am sorry to bring you this sad news." • A note from Alanna Shanley, assistant vice president for Annual Giving, stated that the Class of '47 Scholarship Fund (with book and market values of \$1,551,637 and \$2,409,553) is supporting two students in the Class of '25. "Both students wrote letters of gratitude and explained what their Middlebury experience meant to them." • **Ginny Lee Costello** called me and answered to my multiple phone messages left to her. We just had difficulty connecting. She is not too well at the moment as she has severe osteoarthritis. Her doctor has suggested surgery but understandably, she is nervous and in a quandary about what to do. She wanted to attend the Reunion but it depended on her decision about her surgery, so we did not see her. • In June, Nancy Ilgenfritz '87 sent this message: "Today I visited my friend and fellow Middlebury graduate, **Barbara "Bobbie" Bates Lauterwasser** and gave her a Reunion update as well as her own Woody Jackson '70 Reunion tote. Unfortunately, Bobbie could not make her Reunion, but she did connect via phone with some of her classmates over Reunion weekend. It is remarkable that this is the first Reunion that Bobbie has missed as she has proudly and faithfully attended ALL of her other Reunions. Bobbie lives in Laconia, N.H.,

at the Taylor Community and enjoys time with family at her New Hampshire lake cottage, reading mysteries, and enjoys all things musical. In June, I attended my 35th Reunion and checked in with the 1947 class and picked up the tote bag for her." Check out a photo on page 68! • A note from your secretary, weaker, weaker, older, somewhat handicapped: I have traded two legs for four wheels, and that gives rise to a few obstacles. Obviously, I flunked Wheelchair 101. As proof of that, I have many doorjambs without paint from about waist height down. My furniture now looks as if it came from the dump. The further problem is that I am very, very, very deaf and belong to the What Generation. I have willed my temporal lobes and connective tissue to science, with the hope that it will help to find a cure and enable other people with this problem to avoid the loneliness that accompanies deafness. In happier news, my aide and I are planning a party for Puss-Puss Atkins Louth in celebration of her 28th birthday. Only cat lovers are invited. Meow.

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**48** **REUNION CLASS** If anyone in the Class of 1948 has news they would like to share, please send it to Sara Marshall, at 108 Orchard Lane, Weybridge, VT 05753 or smarshal@middlebury.edu. And please put Reunion on your calendar for June 9–11, 2023.

**49** Correspondent **Dixon Hemphill** reports: I received a note from **Tom Metcalf**: "Aloha and congratulations on still being a competitive runner at the age of 97. More power to you. I am 97 also and need two canes and two walkers to get around. I am only competitive with myself in trying not to fall. My son, Kyle '72, my oldest, threatens me with a wheelchair on a daily basis but I resist. Maybe soon. The only news I have is sad news. My wife, Janet (Hubbard) '48, died on March 25, very peacefully and quietly. She had been under hospice care for many months but her death was due to old age (95) and a desire to die. She had told me many times that she was ready; she'd had a wonderful and successful life as a mother, teacher, friend of many, and with a love of Hawaii. The family and a few close friends spread her ashes, per her wishes, at the same beach where we spread the ashes of our youngest son. We spread her ashes on the same date that we would have celebrated our 74th wedding anniversary. Now I have decisions to make: to move to a facility or try to live by myself. I'll probably move in a month or so but after 48 years in

the house, it won't be easy. Keep running, Dixon!" • I was sorry to learn that two of my classmates, **Roswell Edwards** and **Leonard Leving** have passed away. My condolences go to both families, as well as to my friend **Tom Metcalf**.

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**50** If you have any news you'd like to share, please send it to Sara Marshall, at 108 Orchard Lane, Weybridge, VT 05753 or to smarshall@middlebury.edu.

**51** Ann McGinley Ross '53 wrote, "Our family is diminished by **Jim's** passing last fall, but all of our children have returned to Middlebury to retire from full-time employment. I am so blessed. I am still in Middlebury but not able to live independently. I am very comfortable in the residential care neighborhood of a retirement community here. The grandchildren are not far away and the one great-grand is local. The youngsters are a great help with solving jigsaw puzzles! I do my gardening on the windowsill now!" • Elizabeth Darling Sherburne '53 wrote that a family memorial service had been held in Evergreen Cemetery in Rutland last July for husband **Donald Sherburne**. She wrote that the year since he'd died had been difficult but has made them all cherish the memories of his life with them and know that an essential part of that included Middlebury. • **Roly Coates** wrote when they had just returned home from their "March Mooch." They spent time visiting friends on their way down (and back) to Orlando, Fla. "We played some golf—me 9 and Liz 18. As long as Liz gives me as many free shots as I need, I can beat her." (That doesn't sound fair to me! **Lee**). He also wrote, "I used to be able to beat her easily but age 94 seems to be against me. I keep losing friends and family. My brother, Arthur (88), died from COVID last month, and a good friend died in February. My world has changed." Yes, Roly, the world has indeed changed. • From across the ocean, in England, **Elizabeth Nelson** wrote, "I am still working full time—founder and chairman of the Archive of Market and Social Research here in London. Believe it or not, there was no national archive of either social history or market research in the UK until we started one three years ago. We are supported by 40 volunteers, collecting data, reports, digitizing the most important ones, and publicizing the wonderful stories we have." • **Bill Deming** shared with me a card his children found among items saved by **Phyllis Cole Deming**. It was a picture of **Meg Curry Gregg** and her family when they were in Burma in 1966. It was greetings sent to our class on our 15th Reunion. I will try to figure out a way to share it with you all. • I am sorry to report deaths of **John Mooney**, **Meg Curry Gregg**, **Joan Pratt**, and

**Caroline Wheeler**. • I hope you are all having a wonderful summer, and that you will share your thoughts and memories with your classmates. Stay well. Best wishes, **Lee**.

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**52** I will have news about Reunion weekend in the fall column. I wish you all well! • Ed note: Congratulations to **Barbara**, who received the 2022 Alumni Plaque Award at Reunion for her service to the College. Affectionately known as **Peanuts**, she has been a loyal alum, serving as a trustee, as a member of the Middlebury Alumni Assoc., and as a longtime class correspondent who has worked hard to stay connected to classmates and keep them connected to each other. If you'd like to see a photo of Peanuts and her award, go to page 76.

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**53** **REUNION CLASS** I checked in recently with **Pat Hamilton Todd** to find out what's doing with her and with the town of Middlebury, where she is our on-site representative along with **Ann McGinley Ross**. As for Pat, she is doing fine with the occasional use of a cane. Even better, one of her three daughters lives in nearby Lincoln. Always good to have a relative close by and with a pool to boot. As for Middlebury, Pat reports that the upheaval caused by a rehabilitated rail tunnel through town is now over and things are getting back to normal. • I'm sorry to report the death of **Richard Worthington** on January 24 in Brunswick, Maine. Rich was predeceased by his wife, Nancy (Heiland) '55 in 2018. He lived for many years in Suffern, N.Y., and was a longtime commuter to Manhattan. He retired to Bridgton, Maine, and in 2011 moved to Brunswick. • I'd love to hear from my classmates, most of whom no longer have phone numbers on record at the College. You can reach me at 973-539-0798 or at the email below. And please put the date of our Reunion on your calendar: June 9–11, 2023!

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**54** Correspondent **Julie Howard Parker** reports: **Sheila Collins** returned my call, delighting me with flashbacks to her years after college and her dry sense of humor. She went to NYC after graduation with aspirations of writing the Great American Novel. Says Sheila, "All the men were editors, all the women were typists." She met editors' assistants at G.P. Putnam who were famous for doing *Lolita*. They made a fortune off that book, according to Sheila. Reading manuscripts about California,

Sheila and three other friends decided to drive across the country. She didn't stay that time, but came back, lived in Hartford a while, and then went to work in publishing again until her company ran out of money. She switched careers to teaching at that point, got her certificate, and taught kindergarten and English as a second language. Reminiscing about senior year at Middlebury, Sheila realizes she didn't know many classmates, and didn't remember Julie Howard at all. In her sophomore year when friendships really developed, she was housed in Forest with the seniors. That was the year many of us ended up in Porter House next to the Middlebury Inn. The College must have been desperate to find extra rooms in any dorm they could for the overflow of students who had accepted Midd that year. Sheila remembers the group of classmates with her at Forest: **Janet Gray**, **Catherine Weeks**, and **Ginny Rost**. I wonder if she is right about Ginny. I think Ginny was with us in Porter House. Sheila was quite humorous about her love life. "I was sort of engaged to somebody—can't remember his name—I think it was Mac." She also remembers how awed we all were by **Marcia Kraft**, whose goal was to become a psychiatrist. Sheila enjoys her retirement home smack in the center of downtown San Francisco on Geary Street, at the Sequoias. It is co-ed, and quite a few of the men are gay, which suits San Francisco's liberal reputation. But she finds it way too big, 425 residents locked up for a long while due to COVID, but free of the epidemic as everyone wore masks. The facility has a lovely garden, a big bonus for Sheila. I am pleased to have uncovered another Californian along with **Nancy Wright Reuther**, **Peter Neisser**, **David McCully**, **Carol Anderson Gwatkin**, and **Sally Green Risberg**. • Here are greetings from **Sally**, ever upbeat but realistic: "We live in an incredible time even though the world is a mess. But we're in an amazing period of communication." Her son, Jeff, who lives nearby in Palo Alto, got a degree in international business, his present field, and son Steve, or is it Steve's children who live in Vermont and love the outdoors? I scribble as classmates talk and miss some details. What I pick up is their life energy, and Sally's was flourishing. • Correspondent **Tom Ryan** reports: The "Rutland Rocket" railroad has been brought back to life again! **Lois Wanstell Kaufmann** says that passenger service to Burlington and New York City is starting again this summer, after entering bankruptcy in 1938 and staggering through the following decades. Wow! She also says that the town of Middlebury has never looked better. Two years of construction have ended, with the replacement of two bridges over the rail line and other improvements. At the College, the Battell dorms, new when we were there, are coming down, to be replaced by a new first-year dorm. Like many of us, Lois is in a retirement community, where she is very content. If you want to know what's going on in Middlebury, give her a call. She sounded terrific! • **Ben Walcott**, who transferred

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to the Cornell School of Hotel Administration at the end of our junior year ("I wasn't sure what I wanted to do and this appealed to me") retired in 1988 after 27 years at Harvard, ultimately in charge of running their food service business—15,000 meals a day! He likes the Boston area, particularly for the sailing and swimming. Over the years, he has owned six sailboats and participated in four Newport to Bermuda races. I am green with envy! I only went once! He is active, walking three miles a day and reads widely to stay current. He is doing well. • **Cecily Mattocks Marshall** has found that more and more information is coming to light about her time when she, and other members of her family, were rounded up in 1942 and installed by the Japanese at the prison camp at Santo Tomas University in Manila. The 4,000 prisoners were saved from annihilation in 1945 by two tank columns sent by General MacArthur behind Japanese lines to secure the prison while the rest of Manila was still held by the Japanese. Apparently, more bits and pieces of information are slowly bubbling to the surface. Those were very hard times, which hopefully won't be repeated. • In the meantime, let's all stay active and stay connected!

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**55** Alli Lank reports, "Still around but no news of any interest, except I spent three hours on the phone this morning with an HP techie and he couldn't attach my new printer to my iMac. Oh the frustrations of not being smart enough to do it on my own!" • **Bob Gallagher** says, "We are still here. Ruth and I did several weeks of Utah skiing last winter but stayed away from any place people gathered at home or away." • **Alan Gould** writes, "We visited Midd last October and brought back copies of letters and pictures of jazz great Dave Brubeck's contact with a young musically talented Brubeck fan. The original letters and photos have been added to the Brubeck Collection at our Wilton Library." • All I ever say is "so far so good." I recently completed a four-part webinar called "The History of the American House" for the Connecticut chapter of the AIA. (It is part of the AIA's Educational Resource Program.) If anyone is curious it's also on my website: johnmilesbaker.com. Liddy and I also went back to Ireland after a two-year hiatus for our 21st time attending the Inishowen International Folk Song and Ballad Seminar. • My thanks to Alli, Bob, and Alan for their continued support. Best wishes to all!

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**56** Joan Mackinnon Houghton remembers **Mona Meyers Wheatley**, who passed away on November 27, 2021. "She

was a major contributor to the welfare of the College in countless ways. I have felt that Mona was such a major influence in the Middlebury College dynamic that a special place should be reserved for a memory of her in the *Middlebury Magazine*. Mona was a faithful and delightful friend since high school years together. Over the years after graduation from Middlebury we remained in close contact, visiting each other in Cleveland, Middlebury, the Adirondacks, Nantucket, and several winters together at Sanibel Island, Fla., where Mona and my Bill were both active in the Sanibel Rotary Club. Fun and always ready for a new adventure, Mo was an inspiration to both Bill and me—and I suspect to those whose lives she touched." • **John Hoops** shares his memories of **Bob Vuillet**. "Bob passed away peacefully in a way we most all hope for—while relaxing in a rocking chair enjoying his family at his daughter's home in Haines, Alaska. He is survived by his three daughters and several grandchildren. His wife, **Sally Smith Vuillet**, passed away many years ago. While at Middlebury, Bob was president of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity house and played on their undefeated fraternity football team. His phone calls and concern for his Middlebury friends will be missed. Bob enjoyed golf and won the class golf tournament in 2017 in Vero Beach, Fla. He was a very successful sales representative for the Movado Watch Company." • **Lucy Boyd Littlefield** shares these memories of **Gerry Cobb**. "Gerry passed away in early February. Gerry and I lived in the same small Boston suburb during our Middlebury years. I had grown up there and Gerry had moved there later. I didn't know him well as he had gone to prep school but we both found ourselves at Middlebury as freshmen. He was the younger brother of Win Cobb '55. Gerry provided me with many rides back and forth to school. Somehow we ended up as co-chairs of the annual College Community Chest drive our senior year. In looking back, I see that we, sadly, didn't meet our goal! I knew his younger sister, Linda, better, who was two years younger than me. We played on our undefeated high school field hockey team together. Gerry married his high school sweetheart and had four sons, two of whom predeceased him." • **Kip Cheney** shares memories of **Bob Gilmore**. "I met my friend and future brother-in-law in 1952 when we were both freshmen. We became quite close during our years at Middlebury, along with my roommates **Peter Brigham** and **John Chase**. At our first or second Winter Carnival (1953 or 1954), I fixed up my sister with a student friend of mine by the name of Kennedy (Ted, I think). Well, at one of the many parties that weekend is known for, Gilmore (we just went by last names then) spotted my sister, liked what he saw, and made his move. They were married in 1958 and had a wonderful long life together in New Hampshire, raising two children, Richard and Lisa. I can't recall where the name Bob came from because his name was Lyman. The Bob handle was dropped after Middlebury

and he was Lyman the rest of the way. He went on to graduate school, earning master's and doctorate degrees in education, and became a full professor at New England College. Lyman was a super interesting guy, great storyteller, and published two biographies of contemporary poets. He became quite ill in his later years, but never his mind, sharp to the end. He died October 29, 2021. His wife, Cynthia, my sister, suffering from Alzheimer's, died two weeks later. We miss them." • The late **Zane Hickcox Kotker** wrote the following about her friend, Lyman, as posted in our 50th Reunion Yearbook. "Friends with Gilmore, the frat boy, since sophomore year. I hardly recognized him a few years later when he turned into Lyman, the man of responsibility. Once we talked about life and death, marriage and parenthood, film and food. Since he's taken up with writing, we moved on to publishing dates and introductory sentences. Somewhere in there we became long-distant swim buddies who always know where the other is when the whistle blows." • Finally, on a bright note, **Lucy Littlefield** reports on her trip to St. Martin. "My stepdaughter, Diane, invited me to accompany her to St. Martin for a month from mid-February to mid-March. I had a wonderful time. St. Martin is half Dutch and half French. We stayed at a condo hotel right on the beach on the Dutch side. We rented a car and traveled all over the island. The weather was glorious and the food delicious. It was wonderful to get away from the winter cold in Annisquam and a special time with my stepdaughter." • Please keep the news coming!

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**57** Two accomplished and dedicated classmates left us this spring. **Ann Eckels Bailie**, an outdoors person, was a Mountain Club and Skyline member. She was a junior counselor and chosen to reign as Winter Carnival queen. Her career started in D.C. at the Naval Research Lab. That lab was the germ of NASA. Ann continued at NASA after marriage. Then life became mobile and a son and two daughters grew up in towns in Maryland, then Pittsburgh, then Ohio. Connecticut became the long-term locale in 1980. Always active as a leader in Cub and Girl Scout troops, volunteering in schools and church work, she found time for her love of tennis. No updates from Ann in the 50th and 60th memory books. Probably too busy enjoying visiting her expanding family scattered throughout the States. • **Barbara Ransom Payne**, also, was a junior counselor. As a sophomore she signed on to the *Kaleidoscope* staff and started her rise to editor in chief of the '57 *Kaleidoscope*. Married soon after graduation, Barbara taught English two years. Then came two girls and two boys, one of whom followed Barbara to Middlebury. As a parent

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she crowded in many activities, leading Cubs and Girl Scouts, was PTA head, and taught Sunday School. Other achievements were executive VP for the Junior League and PR director for the Greater Norwalk Community Council. As long as she could, she played tennis. When her young ones headed for college, she taught high school and earned a master's in English. Returning to public relations as the director of corporate communications for a national construction company, Barbara was one of only two women on the management team. Outstanding women, blessed with energy and focus, using it for their communities, as have many women graduates of Middlebury. • I recently learned of two more deaths: **Alice Armstrong Wood** left this world on April 10. Married in Singapore, she lived in Japan, traveled through Europe, and settled in Virginia, raising two boys. Divorced, she was pleased to secure a late career in human resources at the Univ. of Arizona. She loved meeting people and did volunteer work at a hospital. **Ewart Thomas** died on June 26. He made no outreach over the years to any Reunion or memory books so I don't have any information on him. • Randa Broughton sent the sad news that her mother, **Jane Fraser Beylouny**, passed away in February 2021. She writes, "Mom pursued her passion for reading and researching till her death. She was always curious about trying something new, whether that entailed zip lining (at the age of 80!), a new recipe, or a recent publication. Her husband, George, died in February 2020, just prior to COVID, greatly altering our lives. This added to the challenge of keeping focused and engaged. Mom was very lucky to have family nearby—George, her son through marriage, and his family and Joanne, her daughter through marriage, as well as her dearly beloved cat, Lecone. She could also FaceTime with her daughter, Heather, in Arkansas and her grandchildren. I was lucky to have visits and be with her the last week of her life. Mom could still laugh. While in hospice, I would play her opera. She suddenly opened her eyes and asked for "port wine"! She laughed when I explained that the best I could do at that moment was a bit of grape juice." • I will have information about Reunion in the fall column. In the meantime, you can see a photo of classmates having dinner together Friday evening on page 66.

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**58** **REUNION CLASS** I hope you can make it back for Reunion next June 9–11. Meanwhile, I'd love to have someone join me as a class correspondent! Please let me know or contact the alumni editor, Sara Marshall, at smarshall@middlebury.edu. It really is fun to keep in touch with classmates!

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**1** Members of the Class of 1997 are happy to be back on campus to celebrate their 25th Reunion. **2** Friends in the Class of 2002 get caught up during their check-in at Kirk Center. **3** Dancing to the Grift on Saturday night is always a fun time for Reunion goers. **4** A welcome-back mixer at Chellis House gives LGBTQIA+ alumni and allies a chance to say hello to old and new friends. **5** Friends from the Class of 2007 are happy to see each other again: Carol Wilson, Michael Young, and Erin McConochie.

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**59** When **John Rich** wrote from Idaho, he was looking for spring to arrive after a week of surprise snowstorms. He goes to the local cowboy hangout most weekends and he tickles the keyboard often. "I have also been making some friends on the dance floor, which is great exercise, and I still have some good moves." • For **Dick Krasker** spring was slowly arriving in Maine and since he'd had his fourth booster shot, he was venturing outside. "I am becoming involved with a new nonprofit that will work with local teens from dysfunctional homes. We plan to create a community garden they will work on to give them a sense of community and giving back." • **Dean Beyer** and wife Gretchen are doing okay. Shopping and medical visits have become "outings." Thank goodness for sports, Netflix, and other shows. • **Fred Swan** and wife Pat spent a weekend at North Conway, N.H., skiing Wildcat and Attitash. The Swans love Road Scholar tours. This last time it was Portugal, including Cascais, Lisbon, and vicinity. "We caught COVID and were confined to a 12-day quarantine and spent five of those days in our hotel room with meals brought to our door, but we had an ocean view and patio, so we didn't suffer too much." • A Midd mini-reunion was held on Anna Maria Island, Fla., with cocktails, hosted by Mary Jane and **Bill Hahn**, and then all went to dinner at the Swordfish Grill, recommended by **Anne Martin Hartmann**, with attendees Joy and **Andy Montgomery**, Ginny and **Bick Bicknell**, **Dottie Dever Frost**, **Dick Hofmann**, and Judi and **Roger Miller**. • **Dave Harpp** remains sequestered in New Brunswick while trying to steer clear of COVID. So far, so good! He is teaching full time at McGill, and he and a colleague have been conducting a McGill class with slightly over 2,300 students! (Note: that's more students than Middlebury had in 1959, by far!) Videos were made and exams were online. He has had contact with **Ren Curry** and **Dan Smith**. • **Bruce Cameron** entertained **John Fay** for a week that included trips to the San Diego Zoo and to the aircraft carrier *Midway* and with a boat trip around San Diego Harbor. Seems like excellent restaurants were a major part of the visit. • **Bill Hussey** and wife Anita are still healthy, boosted, and not allowing COVID to limit life too much. "We are back to theater, travel, and dining out. Our kids, Kendall (Midd '89) and Tara (Midd '91), gathered for a weekend with us in the Big Apple after over a year apart. We see grandchildren graduating from college to enter a world which seems much more uncertain than what we faced 63 years ago." (Note: Amen!) • **Peter Talbott** says, "We were pleased to welcome our first great-grandson into the world this past April." He claims the women in the family still outnumber the men six to four. • **Bick Bicknell** has put out a challenge to other classes regarding high-ranking military personnel. The Class of 1959 produced five bird colonels (**Bill Hahn**, **John Mentor**, **Russ Miller**, **Bruce Phinney**, and **Joel Roberts**), two lieutenant colonels

(**Pete Erbe** and **Dave Percival**), and one major (**Bick Bicknell**). Each of these officers spent over 20 years in service to our country. Not sure how many of us graduated Midd as second lieutenants. • The College has informed us of the death of **Les McDowell** on April 26 and **Sam Gualtieri** on March 4. We send our condolences to their families.

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**60** **Jim Irwin** and wife Victoria are enjoying San Francisco, where they live in a great neighborhood filled with nice stores and restaurants on Potrero Hill. They enjoy walking the hills to explore the many interesting parts of the city and playing bridge and tennis. Their daughter Jane finished her business degree at Yale and was married in September and daughter Julia is busy writing her dissertation for her PhD. • Although **Betsy Cilley Goeke** and family missed out on a cruise to Hawaii in 2020 due to a COVID cancellation, by early summer 2021 they were able to enjoy seeing whales, sea lions, and eagles on an Alaskan cruise instead. For a change of pace this winter, they cross-country skied in New Hampshire. • **Bob Millett** and wife Joyce have two daughters and their families living near them in Waunakee, Wis., and a son and his family in the state of Washington. With the help of their daughters, they enjoyed a wonderful year of travel in 2021, including summer beach stays in Alabama and Mississippi and a later trip to New Jersey, where they saw old friends from their former life there. A special trip was to Fargo, N.D., which became their 50th visited state! • On the move locally, Cilla and **Russ Leng** are delighted to have a new home in a cottage at East View, a retirement community in Middlebury. Despite the stress of moving, Russ says the necessary downsizing was cathartic and they are enjoying the activities there as well as making new friends. He continues to teach, and due to Zoom, was able to lead classes for adult groups on Cape Cod, as well as in Middlebury. Although he missed most of the 2021 golf season, Russ hopes to be back in full swing this year. • From Cheyenne, Wyo., **Susan Gore** checked in. Despite a bout with COVID in November, Susan managed to visit with her three sons and her three siblings during the past year. She adds that she's "quite amazed and pleased with 12 grandchildren and two great-grands, all ranging in age from 2–33." Susan's sister, Ginger, and her husband have established the Giovale Open Deck Observatory (GODO) in Arizona with telescopes to the open sky that allow a galaxy to be seen with one's own eyes. Susan and some family members will gather there this August where the James Webb telescope will enable views far beyond the moon. • **Polly Johnson Stephens** and husband Mel continue living in the condo they now own in Concord, Mass., where

Polly enjoys water aerobics classes three times weekly, walks around their neighborhood, and classes that are offered by their town's adult education program. Mel tends a beautiful community garden, reads, walks, and is still skiing at nearby Wachusett Mountain, where he holds the distinction of being the oldest skier at 89! •

**John Turner** writes from California, "I haven't been much of a contributor to the class news, but I can tell you that I'm doing fine at 83 years of age. Still walking (five to six miles at a time) and also doing weight work at the local YMCA, as well as volunteering for a couple of local nonprofits pretty much every week of the year. After being widowed in 2015, I very unexpectedly developed a relationship with a woman I met on a cruise in 2017. We are still enjoying the relationship and I feel very lucky." John adds that although he's fully vaccinated and boosted, he wonders whether we'll ever be able to travel or just go to stores, restaurants, theaters, etc., without a mask. • Out in Colorado, **Lindy Hill Reed** has spent her first year living at Wind Crest, a retirement community in Highland Ranch, enjoying their concerts, lectures, clubs, and swimming and fitness centers. Naturally she's also in two monthly book groups and a women's group! She and her extended family welcomed her great-grandson in 2021, and they all look forward to her granddaughter's wedding in September. • **John Howard** and wife Lee are being extra cautious regarding COVID in Corte Madera, Calif. "I have to be content with work in the garage on my Triumphs, upkeep on the house, observing birdlife on the marsh that stretches miles out behind us, lots of reading, touching base with family via Zoom, and from-home work for the several civic activities that involve me. But we sure do miss face-to-face socializing!" • Lastly, we are saddened to report the death of **Susan Severson Emerich** on February 12. Susan was only a member of our class for two years before transferring to Lawrence University in Wisconsin, her home state. She was known in her community for beautiful gardens and sang in local choirs, painted, sewed, quilted, and knit, while raising her family of two daughters and a son with her husband, Don. • Your correspondents would really like to hear from you. We sure missed our 60th Reunion but at least we can try to keep in touch with this column! • Ed. Note: Sadly, we learned that **Veevy Strelakovsky**, longtime correspondent for 1960, passed away on June 19. He will be sorely missed by me and by his fellow correspondents and his classmates.

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**61** Your class correspondent continues to heal and will be back on the job for the fall class column! If you have news you'd like to share, please send it to me.

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**62** We're very sorry to report the recent death of **Anne Smith McHenry**, wife of John McHenry '63, both native Vermonters. **Marian Meade Opela** remembers her from their being roommates junior year and their membership in Alpha Xi Delta, where Anne was VP senior year. Both also were history majors at Midd. Many remember her as being quiet and reserved. • In early May **Jan Timmerman Abbott** had a long phone conversation with **Gail Bonhag Schaefer**, who is doing well but said she wouldn't be attending our Reunion. We missed her. • **Liza Dunphy Fischer** remembers **Anne Ryan Higginbottom**, who died May 13. "Anne was my roommate at Middlebury. She was smart, funny, creative, energetic, and determined. We trusted and understood each other. I specifically remember the smoking incident. We thought smoking was so sophisticated. We practiced and practiced in front of the mirror in our dorm room before proceeding to 'Stu U!' We sat down and casually lit up. Soon some guys came over and Anne was so engaged that she lit her napkin on fire. What a hoot. After Middlebury we kept in touch beginning with her wedding, then overlapping in the Bay Area, me stopping in Binghamton, N.Y., on my trips back East, and finally connecting on Cape Cod. Anne always had a new passion, be it her dog, her teaching, a book club, or an art class. Even though Anne developed many health challenges, she maintained her creativity and love of nature. She was always bursting with enthusiasm over some new discovery. She lived her life with a passion. I miss her unique soul." • Check out page 74 for a photo of classmates at Reunion. We will have more about that weekend in the fall notes!

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**63** **REUNION CLASS** Correspondent **Janie Bachelder Johnson** reports: As you read these '63 class notes, we will be looking forward to our 60th reunion in June 2023. It seems impossible. Also it's just a bit ridiculous that for many of us we have, or are about to, bookend the last six decades of our lives with dormitory living. Actually, I'm describing our recent move to Equinox Village in Manchester, Vt. Much better than the Battells in comfort, food, and staff (although the infamous Foley's did do our sheets!). I have also described it as like living in Downton Abbey or a cruise with no bouncing on waves. If you are considering such a move, Pete '62 and I can only say it is a great decision. • Following are classmates I know have made the decision for the second bookend of moving back to dorms, a.k.a. senior living communities: **Chuck** and **Sue Handy Burdick**, John

and **Janet Myers Arnold**, Judy and **Liam English**, Sue and **Larry Ring**, **Susan Washburn Buckley**, and I'm sure there are many more. Even the ever-young **Chris White** is contemplating it. **Jan Arnold** adds, "Husband John and I live in a Brookdale assisted living facility in Leesburg, Fla. I love not having to cook any longer. We are both healthy but moving slower." • **Jack Connors** writes, "I have been, as most of you probably have, in one way or another battling the ravages of getting older! So far I have beaten the SOBs. My appointment book is filled with doctor appointments! BTW, as a result of recent experiences, I have created a riddle. What is the difference between a hold-up man and big pharma? The answer: There is no difference. They both say, 'Your money or your life.' The center of Saundra's and my life is our nine-year-old granddaughter, Kellyn. She is quite the athlete, successfully participating in softball, basketball, and ice hockey activities. She is also a philosopher. When she was five, she asked me a question more difficult than any Pardon Tillinghast ever presented when she asked, 'Where's heaven, Grandpa?' She has also shown a challenging mind. When watching TV with her family, my daughter told me there was a scene of airborne troops jumping from planes. When my daughter told Kellyn, 'Your grandfather did that,' Kellyn again looked at the screen, turned to her mother and said, 'No he didn't!' And Rodney Dangerfield complained. I have been reading some of the books I should have read before. I reread *Silas Marner*, a book I hated in high school but absolutely loved this time around. I then decided to take on *Middlemarch*, another George Eliot tome, but it is beating me. At one point, I was getting tired reading a sentence, so I stopped and counted the 62 words that made up that sentence! No wonder I was fatigued. I have found tutorials on YouTube on how to read this book! There is always Robert Frost and Mark Twain to whom I flee when seeking comfortable reading. When I was on a consulting assignment in Nashville, Tenn., I saw Hal Holbrook's 'Mark Twain Tonight.' It was the fifth time I'd seen the show and I was able to visit Holbrook backstage, still in costume. I did not have a camera but did have a wonderful five-minute chat about Twain. I am also looking forward to our 60th Reunion. I am hoping it will be a live and not remote meeting. See ya then!" • **Courtney Bird** says, "Holy cow! Time does fly. I still remember our freshman Convocation in Mead Chapel with the admonition that if you didn't pay attention to your studies you'd soon be gone. So I learned the art of maintaining a C- average with no more than one D per semester and had a hell of a lot of fun in those four years! After Midd, Carolyn (Cooper) '61 and I were married and have two children and four grandchildren. I spent 16 years teaching, took a year off at age 40, moved to Falmouth, Mass., and became a housewife while Carolyn worked full time as a copy editor and IT person at the Falmouth Enterprise. Then I went into the construction business for 35 years, beginning

at \$4 per hour sweeping floors and tarring foundations and ending up running my own business building high-end houses. Concurrent with that—as an avocation—I directed the Cape Cod Marathon for 30 years with the help of Carolyn. I retired from both about eight years ago. But as we all know, if we want to stay healthy mentally and physically, staying active and engaged is critical. I, for one, can't just sit in a chair all day gazing at whatever, including a panoramic view of Little Sippewissett Marsh and Buzzards Bay. So I have been a member of the Falmouth Conservation Commission since 2003. Although retired from construction, about eight months ago a former client talked me into overseeing \$250k renovation, which is in progress. But my main interest since 2019 has been to bring to reality the vision of a community-run fiber optic broadband network for Falmouth, which will offer an alternative to Comcast, the only Internet game in town. It all started because I opened my mouth at a Saturday morning retreat of assorted town agencies and committees and said this town needed to join the 21st century and have synchronous gigabit Internet service for all—particularly given the major scientific institutions in Falmouth. A state senator friend of mine came up to me after the meeting and said, 'Courtney, if you want this to succeed, you are the one to take it on.' So, at age 79, I pulled together a team of committed Falmouth volunteers with the time, energy, and expertise to get this off the ground. In the past three years, we began a grass-roots educational campaign, secured \$50k for a feasibility study, incorporated as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit (with yours truly as president), and raised \$90k for a marketing campaign, sold the state legislature on appropriating \$150k for a high-level engineering design study, and just convinced the Town Meeting to establish a municipal light plant (MLP), which will be the operating framework for a community-broadband network. While the journey is far from over, it has been an exciting three years, and I am looking forward to seeing the initiative through. And while busy with these things and also directing a small road race in my spare time, I am caring for Carolyn, my life partner, who is suffering from chronic Lyme disease and COPD, both of which have slowed her down considerably. The goal is for her to live as independently as possible here at home." (We are sad to report that Carolyn passed away on May 4. We send our condolences to Courtney.) • The most important thing I have to say to you, dear friends, is that *tempus fugit* and therefore prepare for our 60th Reunion. How did this happen? Dust off your canes and come back to rock the chapell! See you next June.

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**1** Patty Ramsey '67 and Freddie Mahlmann '67 carry their Gamaliel Painter canes proudly across campus. **2** Reunion dinners are always delicious and Class of 2017 alumni show off their plates. **3** The Class of 1947 and Class of 1952 have dinner together Friday night at the Middlebury Inn. **4** Classmates Bruce Hardy '77 and Ingrid Malmstrom Mountain '77 share a laugh as Rod Mountain looks on. **5** The Class of 1957 enjoys catching up at Friday night dinner at Tourterelle restaurant.

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Correspondent **Bob Baskin** reports: I know you must all have been waiting eagerly to hear how my talk with **Eric Fuller** went since I discovered that we both live in Madison, Conn. In the last issue I related that my wife, Chris, and I were going to have dinner with Eric and his wife, Linda. We did and it was a terrific evening. Once they returned from some time in the Bahamas, where it was decidedly warmer than it had been in Connecticut, I followed up with coffee to interview Eric for our class notes. We reminisced about our time at Midd and some of our sports experiences. On the day before tennis tryouts freshman year, some of my KDR brothers took me skiing at the Snow Bowl, after which I ended up with knee surgery and nine weeks on crutches. So much for my tennis career. Eric noted that he fancied baseball, so he went to tryouts in the Field House. Coach Forbes was hitting a rubber baseball on the wood floor, which took off after the second bounce and headed straight for Eric's ankle. It left him unable to walk and there went his baseball career. Somehow our track coach noticed how well Eric had done on our early PE testing and invited him to join the track team. Eric said he was assigned to run the 100- and 220-yard dashes, which sort of surprised him. In his meets, he realized that first and second place were out of the question, and third place was a stretch, so after one year, that ended his track career. But fear not, Eric is anything but a sports quitter, so he went on to make the tennis team and played doubles for us. Some of you, especially his ATO brothers, may know that Eric joined the Navy after Middlebury, serving from 1964 to 1967. When he came back, he joined the family business that his grandfather founded, Holyoke Card and Paper Co. There he rose from rookie to president over an almost 20-year span until the company was sold in 2000. Not willing to focus on just family and business, Eric was active in the community, serving on the planning board of Wilbraham, Mass., where he lived, and on the Springfield Hospital board, which he chaired. Eric and Linda, who is an accomplished author writing primarily about women and sports, have three sons and three grandchildren and have traveled extensively to over 40 countries and most of the U.S. Not a bad life.

• Correspondent **Dori Ells Jurgenson** reports, "Seems it must have been a dull winter! News requests didn't turn up many reports. I did hear from **Pam Nottage Mueller**, who writes, 'We are now in Evergreen, Colo., visiting our son and family (the grandchildren are growing) on our way to a month in Maui. It's so nice to be able to travel again, albeit with safety measures in place. Thank heavens for the COVID boosters! Not sure I want to tell you the biggest 'news' of the last six months, since health issues seem to be taking up so much bandwidth with us almost 80ers. But I'll share that a Thanksgiving sunset sail in Waikiki on a catamaran with our kids—and a rogue wave which took me by surprise—sent me to the Honolulu ER, where I was di-

## S O N G

### The Class of '67

By Andy Avery  
Sung at Reunion 2022

Reunion fifty-five, it seems so long ago,  
Looking through *New Faces* for someone we might know,  
Forest and the Château, North and South Battells,  
Painter, Starr, and Hepburn, and the evening chapel bells.

Moose Provoncha at his station, he loved to have his fun,  
Dean Smith in his office and Ma Kelly with her gun,  
The Pine Room and the Alibi, the music there was great,  
But we know the Grammy goes to the Dissipated Eight.

#### Chorus

It's the Class of '67, with 1,000 memories,  
From the time when we first met back in 1963,  
100 different stories of how we wound up here,  
So let's drink a toast and thank the Lord for another year.

Mixers up at Bread Loaf and parties in the dorm,  
Hockey at the Field House, just trying to keep warm,  
Two years of playing ROT-C, freshmen beanies for  
the look,

Dining in the Crest Room—now who taught them how  
to cook?

Remember Winter Carnival—we had Sam the Sham,  
Sculpting statues out of snow, like we were Rodin,  
Poma pulling up the slope for some Snow Bowl runs,  
Anticipating ecstasy from Dog Team sticky buns.

Sororities, fraternities, Tri Delt and Theta Chi,  
DU, DEKE, and ATO and I Phelta Thigh,  
OMG the Sixties, JFK and Vietnam,  
Civil rights and protests, George, Ringo, Paul, and John.

The circle is unbroken, as here we meet again,  
Something special coming back to my Middlebury friends.

#### Chorus

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From the time when we first met back in 1963,  
100 different stories of how we wound up here,  
So let's drink a toast and thank the Lord for another year.

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston.” Peter describes his older son as still living at home and “finding himself” while second son is in Chicago applying to grad school and substitute teaching to pay the rent. Peter closes with a look ahead: “No great plans for the future. My board work is very time consuming. I do a lot of fundraising. I usually fly to Greece twice a summer to attend board meetings but will give it another year before I return to that. We also share a summer house on Lake Huron in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan with my wife’s two brothers, so we will be

agnosed with a broken pelvis. No surgery needed, just LOTS of bed rest and pain meds. Almost five months later, though, I am fully recovered, and we are heading to Maui again. And this time I'll be sure to hold on tight while on any sailing excursion.” Certainly glad to hear the happy ending and more travels! • Since there weren't many reports, I (**Dori**) will add that I have been working in the lab with husband Jim on a project he hopes to finish before completely retiring July 1. I retired in spring 2020, but he has been on half time for two years, enjoying doing some research, and it has been fun for me to get some time in the lab now that I am not teaching. We have been working on a system of silencing some toxin genes in fungus that infects corn, using special virus vectors. Very interesting project! I hope you all are well and finally getting out again after COVID. We look forward to hearing more news soon!

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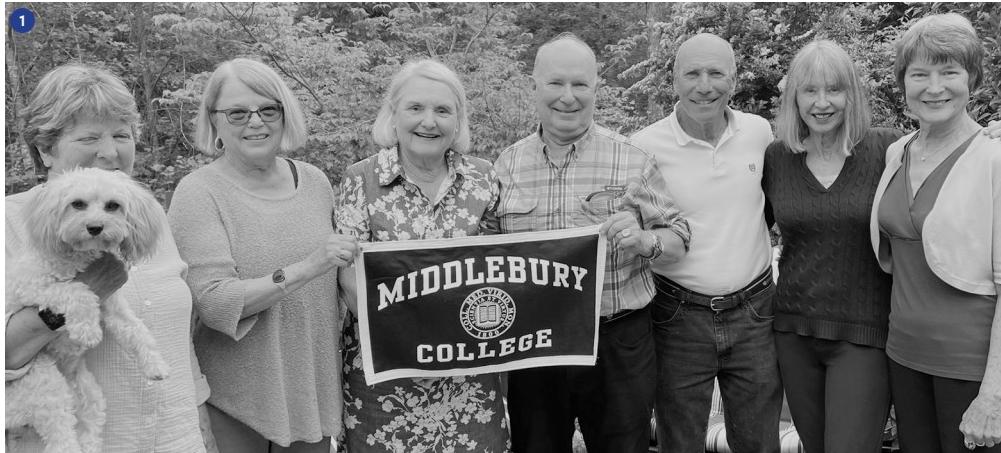
**65** **Peter Glenn** was chosen by Dickinson Law's graduates to deliver their Commencement address. His Midd roommate **Pete Holcombe** found the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uGT9IeeqeRM&t=280s>. (You can try to copy and paste this into your browser, or you can actually type it in, but if you just want to click on the link, email “T” and he can send it to you.) Not only did Glenn receive standing ovations before and after the speech, but several of our class also added their own words of praise. **Carol Burr** called it “heartfelt, wise, organized, and so timely! The graduates are going to make a difference as we struggle to live by the rule of law.” **Fred Stetson** said it was “a fine example of his skill and heartfelt appreciation for his students.” **Ed Weissman** remarked, “Great speech. Not preachy the way many are and inspirational at the same time. Genuine is the best word I can think of to describe it.” **Andy Johnson Perham** cited “the synergy between Peter and the law school class! Very moving. Not a word out of place.” **Pete Delfausse** praised it by writing, “Great words of wisdom and caring.” Those who would like to see it should scroll to the 33:20-minute mark.

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**66** We learned recently that **Bill Frank** died in January. According to his *New York Times* obituary, he grew up in Garden City, N.Y. He earned a PhD and taught at the college level before pursuing a career in business. His obit describes him as “brilliant, witty, good-natured, kind, and generous. With his broad knowledge and interests,

conversation was engaging and often full of laughter when William was among family, friends, or colleagues.” Bill's other interests included a wide range of reading, from popular fiction to world history. He had a passion for sailing and spent time racing and took family and friends on bareboat charters in the Caribbean. We welcome stories and memories from classmates who knew Bill well. An obituary for him appears at the end of these class notes. • In response to a mention by **Francine Clark Page** that her brother and his life partner moved from northern California to Vermont this year, **Ginny Backus Willcox** commented on her own situation: “I do understand why your brother and his partner are making this transcontinental shift. California has suffered much from drought and fire and can look forward to more of the same this year. Two years ago, where we live in the greater Bay Area, we were threatened by one of the enormous fires that summer and were on standby to evacuate for two weeks. Bags packed at the door. Across the Bay, an even larger fire destroyed vast acreage of preserved land and added to air quality levels so poor that we could not see the sky or go outdoors. The grip of climate change has altered our landscapes and our lives in ways I would never have imagined, affecting bird life noticeably in migration patterns, habitat shifts, and even declining reproduction.” Sadly, Ginny's birding adventures came to a halt with the onset of the pandemic. On a happy note, she and her family are overjoyed to welcome a baby granddaughter, who will be living relatively close to them in the Bay Area! • **Peter Allen** sent us a newsy summary of his busy life. He is serving on 10 nonprofit boards, including that of Anatolia College/American College of Thessaloniki, where his close friend **Chip Elfner** is board chair. Peter also sees **Bill Ames** on occasion and **Rick Church** and second wife Betsey in New Hampshire, where Peter has a summer home in Harrisville. The Churches' granddaughter started Middlebury last fall and is interested in archaeology, so Peter got together with them last summer and has been in touch since. Peter and wife Susan's family is well: “Our older daughter is the only one of our four children who is married and she has two young boys, ages one and three. She is a nurse at the Providence VA hospital and lives, blessedly, just 20 minutes away, so we see the boys frequently (went to the zoo with them just yesterday). Second daughter JUST had five milestones in her life over the course of one month: (1) She got engaged to her beau of over seven years; (2) She left her job in NYC; (3) She moved out of NYC to Boston; (4) She got a new job in Boston; (5) She and fiancé bought a house in Providence (a REAL fixer upper!). She went to the University of Edinburgh for undergrad, Bard grad school for museum studies in NYC for an MA, and got a job at the Frick right away. Three years later, she left for a position at the Museum of American Folk Art in NYC, and now, after two years there, she has taken a senior position (director of public programs) at the

## C E L E B R A T I O N S



**1** In May, members of the Class of 1969 had a mini-reunion at the home of Kathy Rouse in Charlottesville, Va.: Kathy (with Muffin), Beverly Thierwechter, Candy Syverson Cummings, Roger Cummings, Dick Whitehill, Karen Loesch Whitehill, and Ginny Hopper Hoverman. **2** After attending her 35th Reunion, Nancy Ilgenfritz '87 stopped by to visit Barbara "Bobbie" Bates Lauterwasser '47 and give her a Woody Jackson '70 Reunion tote bag, which she picked up for Bobbie after checking in with the Class of 1947 during the weekend. **3** Shruthi Mahalingaiah '98 and Rick Legro '79 recently met at the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology in Dallas, Texas. **4** Will Safford '86 and Bill Burden '86 were both at the Mostly Modern Music festival at Skidmore College in June.



**5** Friends from the Class of 1990 and their daughters recently had a mini-reunion in San Francisco: Pam Adelman Ball, Peyton Ball, Charlotte Graham, Anise Nassiry Graham, Steph Cooper, and Louisa Cooper. **6** Emily Johnston '85 and Cashdoggie pose on High Rock Lookout near Mount Rainier.

there for three weeks this summer, interrupted for me by a quick trip to Boulder, Colo., for my high school's 60th. About a third of my classmates of '62 are gone. That is just about it. We are all getting older and feebler. I have had both hips replaced and one knee and lots of dental implants. But I am enjoying life and have been only minimally affected by the pandemic, knock on wood." • We've just heard from **Karin Johansen Adam**, now in Belgium, but are at our column word limit (a nice problem to have). Please see our fall column for Karin's news!

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**67** Correspondent **Susie Davis Patterson** reports: Writing only a few days after our wonderful 55th Reunion celebrations with 44 classmates and some spouses, I am still feeling euphoric from the fun activities, personal connections, and meaningful relationships we all shared over three days. A true highlight was **Andy Avery** singing a new song he wrote in honor of our class. It speaks to our history, our friendships, and the great time we still have together at our Reunions. (See sidebar on page 67.) Don't miss our 60th!

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**68** **REUNION CLASS Steven Amster** reports, "I still go at full speed. I just placed an order for a new plane; I have been flying for almost 23 years. I sold my prior plane five years ago because I thought at age 70 I was getting too old, but not that old. (Most of my relatives were over 90 when they died, and my uncle just turned 102.) After a long process with many delays, I plan to get a flight instructor certificate. Perhaps, I shall fly the plane to Middlebury for the Reunion next year and give rides to willing participants. I still am in contact with **Walter Becker** and **Barbara Zuck** as well as Fred Myers and Bill Powers, both Class of '67, through Facebook Messenger and email." • **Magna Leffler Dodge** writes, "Since September 2020 when Maple Broadband, a communications union district (CUD), was formed, I have been a member (focusing on finance) of a five-person executive committee. Maple Broadband is one of nine CUDs in Vermont charged with bringing an affordable, fiber optic broadband network at a speed of 100/100 to every on-grid premises in the state. We are an all-volunteer, not-for-profit municipal corporation with no taxing authority, which does create a few challenges! Twenty towns in Addison County have voted

to join Maple Broadband. The extent of the problem we are tackling is perhaps best captured by the fact that 39 percent of the premises in Addison County are not served by either cable or a fiber network, which means those premises are classified as either unserved or underserved when it comes to having connectivity. Since its formation, Maple Broadband has produced a feasibility study and business plan and designed a logo and established a website. We've signed a management services agreement with a local ISP, selected a network engineering firm, selected an auditor and a marketing firm, created an organizational structure and adopted operational policies, obtained over \$200,000 in multiple grants and been awarded a \$2.9 million grant for preconstruction activities, and with support from Middlebury College, obtained a \$2.7 million line of credit from a local bank. We've made presentations to all 20 member towns, obtaining \$335,000 in ARPA funds that have been awarded to the towns, and, on April 19 filed the application for construction grant funding. A lot of work! An eye-opener in terms of the political process at the state level. It's been a real education on the challenges and opportunities of creating a public-private enterprise." • **Sue Lauf Younquist** writes, "We continue to enjoy our life in southwest Florida, where the mild winters allow us to participate in our favorite sports and activities year-round. I am no longer a Latin tutor. One of my recent students is now a sophomore at Notre Dame. Despite some health challenges, Mal still plays tennis at least twice a week and walks 10,000+ steps per day. Our circle of friends continues to expand, and we are never at a loss for company or enjoyable activities. I hope all of my classmates are doing well and enjoying retirement." • We are saddened to report that **Ruthann "Tani" Carman Wolff** passed away on February 19, surrounded by family. She grew up in Columbus, Ohio, fell in love with the mountains of Vermont at Middlebury, and earned her MBA from Harvard Business School. After completing her degrees and moving to St. Louis, she worked for decades in marketing while raising two daughters, Elizabeth Kirkendall and Victoria Spies. She also spent time helping others reach their potential by tutoring and consulting for business school admissions and contributing to a number of community organizations, especially the Opera Theater of St. Louis. One of Tani's favorite quotes comes from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.: "I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final say in reality." • **Jeff Dworkin** sent the sad news that **Dave Severance** died in March after two years of coping with lung cancer. "I spent the previous afternoon with him. He approached the end calmly and with extraordinary acceptance. I met Dave in high school when we were 15 years old. We remained friends over the next 60 years. Dave was a great skeptic and a great believer. He spoke his mind bluntly, sometimes startlingly so. He hated euphemisms and other means of talking around. He

got angry at me once when I hemmed and hawed and didn't just come out and say I didn't care for his musical compositions. He hewed to a set of strict personal rituals—his tea had to be just so and he could not tolerate mediocre IPAs at a restaurant—yet in other ways he reveled in imagining outside the lines—in his music, in carpentry, in delighting in finding perfect uses for old and seemingly worthless objects. The summer we graduated from college, he rode his bike across the country, and when he got to a pay phone halfway across the Golden Gate Bridge, he called his mother. We made my daughter's wedding chuppah (canopy) together, from saplings we cut on his land. In the many ways he was generous, he was so fully, and without seeming to seek credit for it or to keep tabs on reciprocity. His curiosity about the workings of the natural world was boundless, and he strove to leave the faintest footprint he knew how to do. He once chastised me for swatting a mosquito that had landed on his shirt. As he grew older, he increasingly took to wearing what most would consider rags—and he would be pleased to hear them called that. He made nests, wherever he went. His gifts always contained a part of him. Though he was emotionally reserved and didn't trust speaking of love or the heart, he was a great and loving friend." • We want you to stay in touch with us so if you change your address or email or have news you want to share with your classmates, please let us know.

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**69** **Rick Minton** writes that although *Cold Water* has not yet been published, he was nearly finished with his second novel, *Deeper Water*, when COVID hit—literally. Preceded by myasthenia gravis, Omicron made things worse. Recovering slowly, he was well enough to continue with his longtime, active support of Midd basketball, watching the NESCAC semifinal victory over nearby Wesleyan. • Alison and **Peter Reynolds** trekked out to the Washington coast to pick up a long-delayed Alaskan truck camper. No trouble crossing the mountains on the westward trip in March. But April in North Dakota! Peter says, "We had dinner with Clara Johnson Pincus '71 in Bozeman, Mont. Unfortunately, **Seth** was in Seattle on grant business so, although Clara gave us a tour of their full-size subterranean handball court, he and I couldn't continue the series we started in McCullough 52 years ago. Seth and Clara have dined with fellow Slugger **Dave Cleveland**, who has also retired to Bozeman. Their son, Zach, a PhD computer biologist, and his family have recently moved from St. Louis back to Bozeman, as has their daughter Valerie, an attorney. I was disappointed to be in Seattle too late to visit sophomore roomie **Howie Richmond**, who

died last July. Tried tracking down **Laird Brown**, but no luck." • **Jill Woodman Sisson** writes, "I retired in 2009 as a lawyer after 35 years (18 in private practice and 17 in-house) and started a business selling women's clothing (Worth New York). Just before our Reunion, I was diagnosed with breast cancer and was grateful to be able to attend (wearing a great wig!). After surgery, chemo, and radiation through the rest of 2019, my husband, Gary, and I were looking forward to traveling, seeing friends and getting back to normal. Then COVID hit. So we split our time between our homes in Denver and Tucson, especially enjoying the opportunity to be outdoors in Tucson but losing track of two years. I started traveling again with a trip to the Kentucky Derby with my sister (Odiorne Woodman Beebe '65) and her two daughters and a trip with my sister to Iceland in August, and we'll celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary with a trip to Italy in October, if all goes well. We are fortunate to have friends, churches, and homes in Denver and Tucson and feel blessed. And I just bought an electric car!" • **Elinor Livingston Redmond** writes, "This year has been one of great change for me and **Dan**. About a year ago, we decided to buy a house for the winter in Tucson, Ariz. We'd been looking unsuccessfully for a rental and decided to buy. We were interested in a specific neighborhood in which we had rented. After a couple of tries, we were successful. We saw the house via FaceTime and in person at the inspection in July. Since then, we've flown to Arizona two more times, arranging for some renovations and purchases. It's pretty daunting to start from scratch with an empty house during a pandemic! We are now at the end of our winter/spring stay. With 98 degrees forecast for a number of days next week, we are moving up our departure date. We drive with our dog. I have thoroughly enjoyed being able to spend time with **Wendy Cole** (my junior year roommate). We've made a weekly connection at a local brewery outdoors with live music as well as at a few knitting groups and other connections. Dan usually comes along too—we've been joined by **Dick** and **Jackie Ogden English**, and just a few weeks ago we were joined by **David** and Magna Leffler '68 **Dodge**. It's all been a lot of fun and very stimulating for the two of us." • **Julie von Wettberg** says, "American history major that I was, I still never expected to revisit the Great Influenza epidemic of 1918–1920. Having lost a great uncle just back from World War I, I took COVID-19 seriously from the start. We would have anyway since we lost a cousin in the first three months. Friday, March 13, 2020, when the pandemic was declared a national emergency, was my last day in the newsroom at 1010 WINS where I'm still freelancing. Helped immensely by our tech guru son Dougal, the office folks figured out how to make it all work and two days later I was the first to go remote. I still am. Spending the pandemic on our farm has helped immensely. The animals and nature give perspective as have **Anne Harris Onion**'s wonderful photos shared



**1** Ashley Cadwell '70, Steve Smith '70, and Woody Jackson '70 share a laugh as classmate Dick Park climbs aboard a Reunion golf cart for a ride. **2** Friends from the Class of 1971 get caught up after arriving on campus. **3** President Laurie Patton speaks during Convocation. **4** Fiftieth Reunion celebrants march up to the chapel for Convocation. **5** The Class of 1970 enjoys their dinner with President Patton.

with us on Facebook. Our son is on the East Coast for the first time in a dozen years, getting his MFA at RISD. That helps too. Playing bagpipes remotely doesn't really work, but the dozens of jobs that evaporated for our Class of '69 piper, my husband, Jonathan, in 2020, started coming back in 2021 and are really ramping up now. One especially memorable occasion: he played and Judy Collins sang at a funeral in Manhattan and ended up in a duet outside with the 'Skye Boat Song.' •

**Ginny Hopper Hoverman** is grateful to have friends in Charlottesville, Va., and through our Middlebury connections! "I greatly enjoy walking, hiking, and yoga as well as concerts and live theater. Recently, a few of us in my condo community formed a mutually supportive network, in which we help each other with tasks like driving, tech coaching, and errands. To add to the joy and challenge of being in the 'third chapter' of our lives, a good friend recommended *Elderhood* by Louise Aronson, MD, and I gobbled it up—the book is full of wisdom, information, and inspiration! I recommend it. Warm greetings to you all—I'm looking forward to our 55th." • **Dijit Tripp Taylor** writes, "I retired in February 2022 after 11 years delightedly running the New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP), which provides matching grants for land conservation and historic preservation. Prior to the LCHIP job, I had worked since 1975 in an array of nonprofit conservation and education entities based in New Hampshire, including the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests and the Appalachian Mountain Club, with eight years out for full-time parenting of three lovely daughters. I am very slowly dealing with years of backlog in home maintenance projects and life management activities. I am beginning to settle into the rhythm of retirement with more time for volunteer conservation and church work and am happily spending more time enjoying the lands I helped to conserve." • **Roger Cummings** sent a photo of a 1969 mini-reunion that was celebrated at **Kathy Rouse**'s home in Charlottesville, Va. He and **Candy (Syverson)** were in Charlottesville for her 50th University of Virginia Law School reunion. Check out the photo on page 68.

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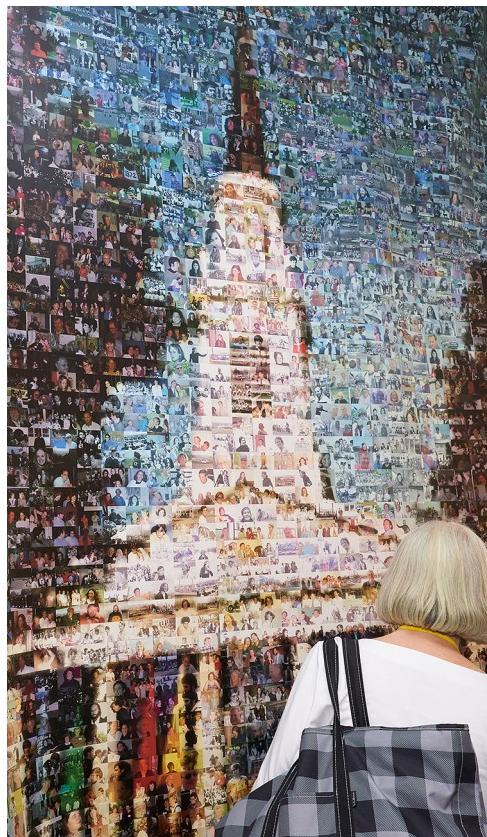
**70** A quick note from your class correspondent **Beth Prasse Seelye**: It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Reunion—and big congratulations to our Reunion co-chair, **Bonnie Williams Flahive**, for receiving the well-deserved Alumni Plaque, which goes to an alum who has provided exceptional service to Middlebury! • And after 14 years as your class correspondent—which has been a great joy and lots of fun—I've decided it's time to pass the baton. Fortunately for all of us, the two class-

mates who spearheaded the production of our wonderful Reunion yearbook—**Diantha Bartlett Howard** and **Carol Harden**—have agreed to become our new class correspondents! They will be contacting you for news, and especially for your remembrances from our Reunion, so please welcome them with your news contributions! I will remain connected, as well, as the Middlebury Alumni Association board liaison for class correspondents. • We received the news from **Peter Hitch** that he has been named the new executive director of the nonprofit Wayzata (Minn.) Conservancy board of directors. Congratulations, Peter! • **Curtiss Coughlin** shared this remembrance: “Sadly, our friend and classmate, **Bill Dockery**, passed away, peacefully, on December 6, 2021, in Tom’s River, N.J. Bill loved Middlebury. He studied Chinese at Middlebury’s summer language program and studied Chinese in graduate school at Cornell University. Bill, along with **Doug Haneline** and the late **Jim Pratt** were the seniors on Middlebury’s College Bowl team. **Doug** remembers Bill as a ‘good guy.’ **Phil Lowengart** writes that Bill was ‘a decent fellow.’ **Rick Dostie**, who roomed with Bill junior year, and later joined KDR fraternity with him, remembers Bill as ‘a very intelligent guy and a very fun one as well.’ Phil and Janice Wickeri became close to Bill at the Middlebury Chinese School, where they were classmates, and remember fondly many get-togethers in Hong Kong, where they all worked. Bill and I were only casual friends at Middlebury. Out of nowhere, at the beginning of COVID, Bill called to say, ‘Do you remember me?’ He had enjoyed my autobio in our 50th Reunion yearbook. Thereafter, up until those precious moments before his death, we spoke by phone for over two years, three times a week, for at least an hour. Our friendship became very special. He reached out to several other classmates during the pandemic. If he had not been so intensely shy and introverted, Bill would have spent the last two years chatting with all of you, too. I feel so very fortunate that he chose me to share time with him and that I am in a position to pass on his fondest regards and respect to each of you. We remember him for his love for the College, for learning and teaching, for his friendships and family, and for his many grateful students in Hong Kong.” • Look for more Reunion photos on page 73.

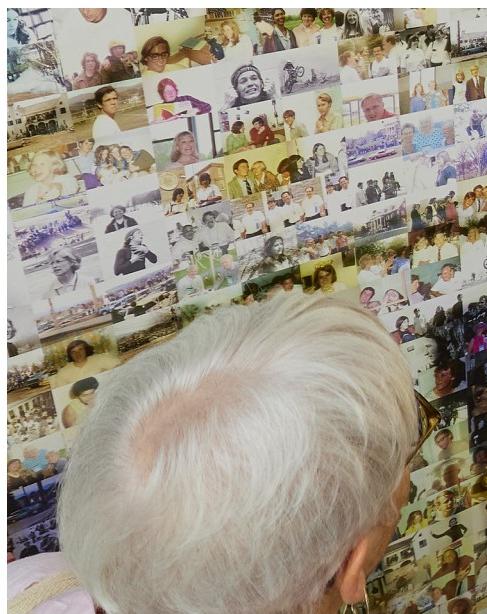
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**71** From your class notes team: We were compiling this column in April/May, during the lead-up to our June Reunion. So we decided to ask some of our classmates who were not planning to attend that event to share their updates in writing instead. We got some nice responses! • **Judith Irving** wrote, “It’s kind of a busy year for my husband, Steve Reid, and me. We’re selling our rambling farmhouse in Brookfield, Vt., which we’ve been living in for 40 years

(it goes on the market in May) and building a small house addition to our daughter’s house, also in Brookfield. What a process moving is—not for the weak of heart or body! We are also working on selling our business, Fat Toad Farm. That needs to happen in the same time-frame. Once that sells, there may be some talk of retiring, but I’m already keeping my eyes and ears open for something part time. Hard to go from a 24/7 work commitment to zero. I need a gradual wind-down. All four of our kids (and five grandchildren) are now living in Vermont, within 30 minutes of us, which is an amazing gift. We’re looking forward to being able to spend more time with all of them.” • We were pleased to hear from **Carol Ball**, who lives in western Massachusetts and is retired. Carol was recognized in April, as part of National Volunteer Month, for her work as a volunteer for LifePath, a nonprofit that helps elders and people with disabilities maintain their independence and quality of life. In her volunteer role, Carol provides information to Medicare beneficiaries (and those soon to be eligible for Medicare) about programs that can assist them in managing their healthcare costs and needs. She also works one-on-one to help a low-income client manage her financial affairs, including reviewing her bank account and bills and helping with the paperwork required for recertification of subsidized housing, fuel assistance, and SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program). She derives great pleasure from helping clients navigate the complex world of Medicare and other insurance programs so that they can access services and benefits at the lowest cost. In her prior professional life, Carol worked for Phoenix Insurance Company and was involved with group insurance plans sponsored by employers, so she is familiar with the terminology and concepts that are essential to her volunteer role. Carol adds, “Immediately upon graduation from Middlebury, I became a Peace Corps volunteer. I had majored in French in college and spent two years as an English teacher in a secondary school in French-speaking Cameroon, West Africa.” • And then there was this, from **Brian Iggleston**: “I’ve been in touch with **Churchill** and **Jan Halstead ’72 Franklin** to let them know that I’m not able to attend our Reunion, which is very disappointing for me. You ask for news—like so many others, I have had health challenges, but I have so far survived bladder cancer, diverticulitis, aortic abdominal aneurysms, and getting older. I continue to serve as a volunteer on the U.S. Foundation for Ridley, my other alma mater, enjoy family time in Florida and Ontario, see **Bob Israel**, **Grove Nichols**, and **Churchill Franklin** for golf adventures whenever we can get together, and exchange emails with Bob ‘Fuzzy’ Van Wert ’70, **Dave Pierson**, **Rick Kelley**, **Sandy McDowell**, **Bruce Foust**, and **Lee Cartmill**, among others, including a few more DU brothers, Butto, Burkey, Clubbo, and Bruno. Rosemary and I will celebrate our 50th anniversary in August. I pray for world peace and often



An array of photographs greeted the Class of 1972 during their check-in for their 50th Reunion, including this image of the chapel, made by Judy McCormack '72 out of 2,261 photos of classmates she had collected, which she scanned and improved over the past year then made into the mosaic with help from an online program.



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hum John Lennon's anthem 'Imagine.' Best regards to all who might remember me. Many fond memories of my time at Midd." • **Will Holbrook** sent his best to everyone: "All's well with me. Travel to visit with grandchildren will have all my attention this summer." • And finally, **Natasha Kempers-Cullen** sent us this: "Life goes on in pretty much the same way it has for many years. The work in my studio continues and changes, exciting and inspiring me. I've been creating collage pieces for a few years now. When I'm not in the studio, I enjoy digging in my flower beds, pruning our fruit trees, and helping to manage our Christmas tree enterprise with my husband, John. Our sweet dog, Papi, keeps us walking and laughing. It's kind of a cloistered life and it's just perfect for me!" • By the time you read this column, our June Reunion will have happened. We hope to have seen many of you there! Be sure to check out the photos on pages 70 and 73 of those classmates who were there.

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**72** We hope classmates enjoyed our fabulous 50th Reunion! We will be reporting in-depth about it in the fall issue but in the meantime, we want to say thanks to all who worked on it—and thanks to the 182 classmates who made it back to Middlebury! Be sure to check out the photos from the weekend throughout these notes, and check out the sidebar on page 71.

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**73 REUNION CLASS** We want to share this important note to all classmates! Much of the 50th Reunion information will be sent virtually to your email addresses, while the formal invitation, the 50th yearbook participation letter, and a few other pieces will go to your mailing address. Please send ANY changes in your contact information to [go.middlebury.edu/update](http://go.middlebury.edu/update). We do not want anyone missing out on the updates regarding our celebration—June 8–11, 2023! And if you didn't see the earlier online column messages—if you have any suggestions or want to get involved in Reunion planning, please let **Lindy** or **Lisa** know and we'll get you in touch. Thanks! • We have two stories from classmates, one harking back to the 1970s and the other firmly based in the present reality that many of us are experiencing—COVID and retirement. The College keeps an archive of alumni featured in the press and they spotted a recent article in the *Brattleboro Reformer*, sharing a great story about **Hugh Barber**. Hugh, who still lives in Brattleboro, Vt., was the only hometown ski jumper to "retire" the "Winged Ski Trophy" after winning three times in the '70s at the Harris Hill Ski

Jumping Tournament. (The Harris Hill Ski Jump is right in Brattleboro.) The newspaper article referred to the celebration of its 100 years in February 2022, with 7,500 people in attendance. Hugh skied under the famed Midd coach, John Bower '63, and remembers him as a wonderful coach and person, crediting him for building discipline and preparation. Middlebury's ski team, including Nordic, alpine, downhill, and jumping athletes, traveled the country for NCAAs and won over teams filled with Scandinavian racers. Hugh returned to win his third Harris Hill jump in 1974, setting the record, and was offered chances to go on to compete in the Olympics. Instead, he decided it was time to focus on new activities, including playing semi-professional golf, starting a career in banking, earning a law degree, and raising a family. All Vermont's local and collegiate ski jumps, like Middlebury's Snow Bowl jump, were taken down in the 1980s, but Brattleboro rebuilt their hill around 2010 and it is as popular as ever. The jumpers now wear helmets and sleek, aerodynamic ski suits, not the woolen ski hats, pants, and knit shirts they wore in the old days. • **Nancy Piepul Stevens** shared some updates and reflections on life in retirement and in COVID. "Grandchildren are the best!" Nancy writes. "Unfortunately, we have gone too long between visits due to COVID, relying on FaceTime since my older daughter, Somerset, lives in Portland, Ore. Our three, soon-to-be-four grandsons, are so much fun! I broke my COVID isolation and went to Portland, did not wish to leave after two weeks, and I miss them terribly! It would be a lot easier just to move there if we didn't love our life in Maine." Nancy retired in June 2019, trading in the over 60-hour work weeks to spend time with husband Scott and their family. "It was fortuitous since I did not have to teach during COVID and to adapt my very active teaching to be totally online. The fun is being with students and colleagues whom I miss dearly, as well as the intellectual challenges of teaching and leading. Fortunately, I was tapped for the Maine WL Standards Review Committee, which was a professional highlight of 2019–2020, especially the daylong in-person meetings with lively discussions until COVID moved us to Zoom." She found the time to travel and visit without having work and a schedule—"such a pleasure!"—and further described her new life: "I am the healthiest I have ever been—a silver lining of COVID. For over a year, I have been spending at least two hours, if not more, walking/snowshoeing in winter at least five miles daily by hiking up Mount Agamenticus (it's only 692 feet), and I have been doing regular strength workouts. My walks are contemplative and spiritual. It's been a learning journey. I have delved into native plants and birds, migrating fall and spring birds, and local animals in winter through Zoom classes, programs, and my experiences outdoors. Scott and I have removed some invasives and added native plants to our rather poorly maintained work-in-progress yard. I've loved having the time and energy for cook-

ing and baking, too—until last week, I hadn't bought bread since the lockdown." Nancy's younger daughter, Miriam, lives close by in York, Maine, and "is the third member of our bubble." Nancy closed by saying she would love to hear from other friends about their lives. As would we all! Please drop **Lisa** or **Lindy** a line and we'll keep the conversation going until our 50th!

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**74** **Kim Williams Thomas** writes, "I retired from Los Alamos Laboratory (New Mexico) after just shy of 40 years. I joined the lab straight out of grad school (PhD, UC Berkeley) and spent my entire career there as a nuclear chemist, as did my husband, Ken, also a Berkeley nuclear chemist. Along the way we had two sons, both now married, and we are expecting our first grandchild this summer. The expectant father and his wife are both PhD microbiologists at NYU, while our younger son is a high-end Porsche tech, but sadly I drive a 30-year-old Miata. We are now typical retirees—traveling, volunteering, crafting, and thoroughly enjoying life. I assumed ownership of the family summer cottage on Lake St. Catherine (40 miles south of Middlebury on Rte 30) and for the last 10 years or so have spent the fall at the lake with visits to the campus, even if it's just a COVID-restricted drive-through, followed by lunch at Mr. Up's. The campus has sure changed—the 'new' science center is gone as are the 'new' dorms! And the athletic facilities—my word. Such a far cry from playing field hockey behind Battell!" • Sadly, we've learned that **Joan Rivel Petrone** passed away in early March. Joan lived in Averill Park, N.Y. She worked for a number of years as a registered nurse in a pediatric medical practice and later served in a similar capacity at a local elementary school. Joan was an avid golfer and an active volunteer in her community.

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**75** **Rick Jurmain** writes, "I was a trophy hubby for 30 years. But I wasn't just another pretty face. (Ask anyone who's seen my face.) I tripped over a goddess with an aging biological clock and desperately low standards. When I got laid off as a rocket scientist, she and I built a company. And had two brilliant kids. I invented stuff in my basement lab. When I sent up inventions, she sent down food. I was a happy minion. Until cancer killed her. I sold our company to the employees and moved to St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands. I sit on the beach, shockingly unsupervised, and write funny science fiction novels. I giggle a lot, but so far they haven't put me away. Harmless, they think. My first book, self-published, was *Apocalypse du Jour*. I'm now polishing the sequel *Deus Ex Efing Machina*. I still invent stuff in my lab. Though now I have to prep my own food. That sucks.

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Feel free to visit anytime. We'll eat out." • **Philippa Billikopf Anderson** says, "Joe in October will complete his three-year term as president of the American Society of Genealogists. He is currently editing two genealogical journals, *The American Genealogist* and *The Maine Genealogist*, and he published two books during the pandemic. He enjoys researching and writing articles for various publications. My favorite time is when we are together with our three daughters. I also play online duplicate bridge against robots with mixed results. My sister, Stephanie Billikopf, MA French '83, is coming to visit us in Dallas. We are thrilled because we haven't seen her since 2018 and because she's bringing us Chilean chocolates." • **Kevin Donahue** reports, "In the fall of 1972, field hockey, soccer, and football teams all went undefeated. I know that football is planning a 50th Reunion celebration at Homecoming. I don't know about the other teams, but I hope to see many people from the Class of 1975 and adjoining years on campus to celebrate!"

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**76** Many members of our class have been adjusting to retirement with ambitious new endeavors ranging from artistic expression to new businesses. For example, **Cindy Regan Greiman**, who's been in Montana since 1983, reports that she's "been spending my retirement years outside as much as possible, hiking, camping, and most recently photographing and painting wildlife—especially birds. I sell my wildlife cards at an outdoor and bird store in Helena, so I'm pretty sure I'll be rich and famous at any moment. Would love to hear from classmates: you can find me on Instagram at @cindygreiman." • **Chandler Lee** is trying to take his photography to a new level. He and wife Carolyn spent a month in Paris last spring after he finally retired from 42 years as a city planning consultant. They have been fortunate to do some traveling recently to France, Iceland, Wales, and Kauai. After each trip Chandler uploads his best photos to his photography website. He's been working with an art gallery in San Francisco and has displayed his work in various group exhibits. His work includes patterns, landscapes, travels, urban designs, water, and wildlife. Check out the website at [chandlerphotos.smugmug.com](http://chandlerphotos.smugmug.com). • At least two members of our class have launched energy-related startups after their official retirements. **Jonathan Phillips** reports, "After retiring for the third time (Penn State prof. of chemical engineering, retired 1999; Los Alamos National Lab scientist, retired 2010; Naval Postgraduate School, engineering prof., retired 2020), I started a small company, Capacitor Foundry, in a little business park in Sand City, Calif., one sand dune from the ocean, with the express intention of creating a new form of electrical energy storage. (A minor ethical dilemma as I see no problem with burning fossil fuels, but 'Oh well, can't beat 'em, join 'em.)"



**1** Classmates Ann Einsiedler Crumb '71, Susie Elmendorf Roberts '71, and Louise Boyd Cadwell '71 arrive at Atwater Dining Hall for their class dinner with President Patton. **2** Beth Prasse Seeley '70 greets classmates Meg Floyd McCann, Bee Ottinger, and Sarah Pettit Daignault. **3** Class of 1970 members respond to the Applause-O-Meter during a session about the results of the class survey. **4** President Laurie Patton interacts with the Class of 1971 during their class dinner. **5** Rick Smith, Jeff Rand, Marshall Forstein, and Obie Benz meet up in Axinn and head to the next event for the Class of 1971.



**1** H. Terry Opela (Midd spouse), Pete Johnson '62, Nora Wright '62, Kathy McKinley Harris '62, and Marian Meade Opela '62 take a break from chatting for a group photo. **2** Four members of the Class of 1947 attend Convocation for their 75th Reunion: Phil Briggs, Jeannette Atkins Louth, Alice Neef Perine, and Frances Swain Moretti. **3** The Class of 1972 listens as President Laurie Patton addresses them during their dinner with her Saturday night. **4** President Laurie Patton and her dogs greet members of the 25th Reunion class at their luncheon at the president's house. **5** Hugs all around as Class of 1987 friends and spouses reunite on campus.

Our latest gizmo has five times the energy density of standard commercial supercapacitors and a good estimate is that ours will cost less than five percent of those on the market—and only uses widely available materials. One engineering/chemical problem yet to solve: The gizmos don't last enough cycles as currently configured.” • Similarly, **Bob Pender** sent word that after a good run (28+ years) practicing energy project finance at an international law firm, he retired in 2010. “I worked for a couple of years pro bono in Haiti, post-earthquake, on energy issues. Then, I founded a new liquified natural gas (LNG) company here in the U.S.—hoping to figure out how to lower the cost of gas so, as the world increases renewables, it can help displace ever-increasing Asia coal. The startup worked out: it is well financed, up and running, loading and shipping LNG, a lot going to Europe now due to an unexpected (courtesy of Russia) geopolitical energy crisis. I am not skiing as much as I hoped, but am very happy and busy, with all the kids launched and even a couple of grandchildren.” • Since 2014, **Patty Forbes** and **Gary Gray** have been enjoying a retirement spent half in what passes for a high-rise in Arlington, Va., and half in an uninsulated cottage—a “camp”—on Lake Champlain, 20 miles north of Middlebury. Not hardy enough for Vermont winters or D.C. summers, they like changing from city mice to country mice each year. Two of their daughters live conveniently on the route from condo to camp, with two grandchildren and a third on the way. The other daughter, in Portland, Ore., gets them out to the West Coast each year. In their pre-pandemic travels, Gary and Patty saw other Midd folk: **John Abbott**, **Chris and Gail Robinson Mead**, **Peggy Hart '74**, **Karen Gross Straim**, **Amy Panitz**, **Lisa Bent Chace**, **Charlotte Koplinka Landon**, **Sue Rindge Bigl**, **Carol Schnabel**, **Larry Colvin '70**, **Geoff Hurd**, MS Biology '75, and **Tucker Levy '09**.

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**77** **Ellen Bedichek** sent the sad news that her college roommate, **Beth Newkirk**, died recently of complications from lung cancer (she was a nonsmoker), which she'd had for eight years. She adds, “Beth was my best friend in college, and the world is a little less bright with her passing.” For her own news, Ellen says, “I am retired from the practice of nephrology and am enjoying lots of hiking and tennis. Last year my husband and I celebrated our 30th wedding anniversary, our daughter got married, and our youngest son graduated from college. So, life has been good for me, although the loss of old friends is hard.” • **James O’Connell** writes in to make us aware that **Ken Chase**, former Middlebury athlete, has been inducted into the Minor League Football Hall of Fame. Some excerpts from the announcement: “Kenneth Chase, who played for Middlebury from 1973–76 and graduated in

1977, was rewarded for his excellence and perseverance when he was inducted into the Minor League Football Report Hall of Fame on December 4 in Las Vegas. ‘I’m happy to say that in 14 years (in the minor leagues) I walked away from the game and 10 years later ran a marathon in San Diego!’ Chase said. He had tryouts with the NFL’s Buffalo Bills in 1981 and signed with the Bills during a strike season (‘87), but had a knee injury in a minor league game prior to reporting to Buffalo. Chase kept at it in the minor leagues as a safety and was rewarded with titles every year he competed in the 1980s. ‘The greatest things that I’ve taken away from the game are the teammates who have become friends and brothers,’ Chase said. ‘I was a champion every year in the decade of the ‘80s, and the only time I wasn’t was when I was in law school doing the games of the week in Syracuse with (sportscaster) Mike Tirico.’ Chase said. ‘I benefited greatly from the gentlemen that I played next to,’ he added. Chase, an accomplished vocalist, was called upon to sing at the Hall of Fame ceremony and again at a football game that evening. Congratulations to Ken and good to see that others know of his musical talents. • This column is going to “press” around Reunion time, so next column will include updates from the Weekend in Vermont. Best to all for a happy and healthy summer.

—*Class Correspondent: Bob Lindberg (boblindberg1928@gmail.com).*

**78 REUNION CLASS Lucy Newell Hancock** and husband Skip changed their legal residence from Hingham, Mass., to Wolfeboro, N.H., in 2021. They miss Hingham (Lucy’s hometown), but they love lake life in all four seasons, and the sunsets over Winnipesaukee are spectacular! Lucy retired from corporate life in 2012, and Skip followed suit in 2016. They are busy with various civic and community activities, and they enjoy summer and winter sports. Older son Charlie officially married Austin Moore in 2018, but they waited until 2021 to have a fabulous ceremony and reception in the meadow on their property in Montgomery, Vt. Charlie is a consulting forester, and he is very involved in town government and local/regional conservation organizations. Younger son Will married Cori Denis in 2018, and they live in Dover, N.H. Their daughter, Noelle, was born in 2021, and she is delightful. Will is a sergeant in the Rollinsford, N.H., police department. Lucy and Skip are glad to live within an easy drive of family members, and they love being grandparents! • **Bern Terry** writes, “**Katie (Shepherd)** was promoted in June 2021 to interim dean of the College of Education and Social Services at UVM—around the time she became a grandmother for the third time.” Katie’s teaching and research interests include family-professional partnership, collaborative teaming, and state- and schoolwide implementation of inclusive policies and practices, including Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS).

(Congratulations!) Bern adds, “I caught the sourdough bread bug summer 2020. After a disappointing first effort, I vowed to do better and have since made and shared 3,000 loaves. I was laid off a year ago (COVID and supply chain) and while still looking for work, joined two partners to launch the Purpose Equation. We help people find their ‘Reason to Rise,’ offering purpose discovery and activation programs to spark joy and personal growth—at any age, in every moment. We have served people ages 18–98, including a few Midd ’78 classmates and their family members. Initial results are 100 percent positive. **Michael Abend** is one of our founding partners.” Check out the podcast! And, “After successfully completing our recent MiddWinter Challenge, our class agents helped us finish with a participation percentage in the top five or six classes out of over 50! We connected for a Zoom wrap-up and had so much fun we decided to repeat it monthly. **Jan Tropp Ground** was the organizer.” • Note: Planning starts soon for our 45th Reunion, which will be next June 9–11!

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**79 Rick Legro** sent word that he recently met Midd alum Shruthi Mahalingaiah ’98 when both were subspecialty oral board examiners for reproductive endocrinology and infertility at the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology in Dallas, Texas, where they co-examined candidates for a day in a unique Midd dynamic duo. Rick is chair of the Dept. of Obstetrics and Gynecology as well as a professor of obstetrics and gynecology and public health services at Penn State College of Medicine and Penn State Health. Check out a photo on page 68.

—*Class Correspondent: Henry Heyburn (brheyburn@hotmail.com).*

**80 Sue Leppla** gleefully reports that she and her boyfriend have just bought a house in Waitsfield, Vt. Even better, it is next door to one they’ve been renting, so the move-in, once they finish renovating, will be a snap! • **Macy Lawrence Ratliff** loves working remotely, leading mindfulness training, delivering mindfulness-based social emotional learning in early college programs in high school. Her job is actually in North Carolina, but she has been living in both Minnesota, to enjoy time with a daughter (and spouse), and in Seattle, with old friends. She is also traveling, when possible, to visit friends and family on the East Coast. She has been swimming, paddle boarding, x-c skiing, and practicing yoga. Photography, writing, and contemplative practices add to the richness of her days. • **Rachel Davis** retired from the state of Connecticut Office of the Attorney General on April 1, after more than 32 years. She had intended to return to private practice after a couple years of public service, but she had children, and life. She mostly handled anti-

trust matters for the last 26 years, most recently working on a generic price-fixing case brought by 48 states and five territories. The multistate group gave her a heartfelt send-off, which made her feel appreciated. Her daughter, Elaine Helitzer (Midd 2018), is in law school at the Univ. of Michigan. Rachel hopes to spend time with her in New Hampshire this summer. • **Pam Roller Richardson** and husband Ken have embarked on an adventure. They sold their Weatogue, Conn., family home, and began roving in June. Not sure what’s next, but knowing their lively spirits, it is bound to be interesting.

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**81 Chris Davis** writes, “Life through and post-pandemic in this part of Vermont was pretty great. I continue to manage the Meach Cove Farms in Shelburne. Besides organic grain and sustainably harvested timber, we operate one of the largest solar arrays in Vermont. I continue to love the daily challenges of operating this special property but after more than 40 years here, the process has begun to hire a younger person that we hope to bring on board early next year so that I can pass along what I have learned—an essential reality check that I expect a few of our classmates are facing as well. New adventures await all of us! I am still one of the volunteer assistant fire chiefs in our town of Charlotte, having stepped down as the volunteer fire chief after 20 years. Last summer I was asked to join the board of the Shelburne Museum and that has been a great experience. The museum world is filled with challenges and opportunities and the Shelburne Museum is organizing a future that will bring national attention to this part of New England. Stay tuned for exciting developments from this small town in Vermont. We haven’t traveled very far in three years, but we look forward to heading west in the fall. Our son has his first post-college job in New York, so we enjoy visiting the city often. I fly-fish year-round for relaxation. Susanne and I welcome family and friends up here anytime.”

—*Class Correspondent: Alice Tower Knapp (a.knapp.a@gmail.com).*

**82 Fay Benzinger Wilson**, who had just returned from summiting Mount Kilimanjaro in February. “Better late than never!” When she wrote it was almost four years to the day since her son Connor’s Olympic debut in alpine skiing in PyeongChang, South Korea. • A couple of classmates have been busy writing and publishing books. **Ari Fleischer** writes, “I’m happy to announce my new book, *Suppression, Deception, Snobbery, and Bias: Why the Press Gets So Much Wrong—and Just Doesn’t Care*, about the mainstream media, will be out on July 12. It explains why the mainstream media is in decline and denial. They’ve lost the trust of



**1** Classmates from 1992 get creative with their group photo. **2** Barbara Cummiskey Villet '52 receives an Alumni Plaque Award at Convocation on Saturday. **3** Dori Wood Fulk '72 and John Boss '72 show off their dance moves and tie-dye shirts at the 50th Reunion dinner at Bread Loaf. **4** Midd spouse Deniz Perese smiles along as 1982 buddies whoop it up: Judy Osborn, Ellen Harris Swiggett, Alison McGhee, and Larkin McPhee Perese. **5** Alumni enjoy the Saturday night fireworks.

the American people, yet they don't want to change, or understand why. The book explains how an institution as important as the press has lost its way. It details what went wrong and it offers solutions so we the people can again read or watch the news and trust in it.” • **Sue Long Wemeyss** shares, “I have been leading a collaborative book project of the 53 U.S. women who competed in the Winter Olympics in cross-country skiing. We wrote and have self-published this book, *Trail to Gold: The Journey of 53 Women Skiers*. It's a 160-page hardcover book that describes our history through the 50 years that the U.S. has been sending women skiers to the Olympics, beginning with the first team in 1972. It also includes profiles for each of us, with 50 of our 53 submitting our own writing of these. It's a very personal and authentic look at where U.S. women skiers started, how we have progressed over time, and how the current U.S. Women's Team has reached the highest levels of achievement in international skiing, including a gold medal in the Team Sprint in the 2018 Olympic Games. *Trail to Gold* came out in November 2021. The book is available in some bookstores, ski shops, and ski centers, and at the Vermont and New England Ski Museums, as well as online through Amazon.”

—*Class Correspondents: Wendy Bebringer Nelson (gomomgo920@gmail.com); Caleb Rick (crick@northcommon.com).*

**83** **REUNION CLASS** **Susie Rose Merrick** sent this sad news: “My family and I wanted to share with our Middlebury community that we lost **Ben (Bentley Atwood Howe Merrick)**—our beloved father, husband, son, brother, friend, and dentist—on July 2 in Burlington, Vt., after he experienced a sudden cardiac event. He was 61. Ben and I met freshman year at Middlebury when we lived in the same dorm. He went on to become a 1988 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine and a 1993 graduate of the New York University College of Dentistry Advanced Education Program in Prosthodontics. Ben's South Burlington practice—Vermont Prosthodontics—grew over the years to help many. Additionally, he became a clinical instructor at the University of Vermont Medical Center General Dental Practice Residency in 1997. He found tremendous meaning in working with the next generation of dentists. Without question, Ben was a family man, and his greatest joy in life was being a father to his daughters Katie and Janie. He was a truly wonderful dad. He introduced his girls at a young age to camping, hiking, kayaking, biking, and skiing and established a tradition of taking each of them on an annual father-daughter camping trip in his beloved Adirondacks, often with another friend and their father. Ben took tremendous delight in his daughters' interests and became the number one supporter of their activities. He was a father who recognized how much he had to learn from his daughters. As Janie and

Katie grew older, it was not uncommon to find them in conversation with their dad on topics ranging from dentistry to civil rights to camping recipes to feminism to cats. Ben cared deeply about these opportunities to spend time with his family, especially over takeout from Papa Frank's." Ben is survived by his wife of 38 years, **Susie** (MA English '90); his children Katie '17 (UConn Dental '21) and Janie (Brown '19); his parents Betty and Ben Merrick of Essex Junction, Vt.; his siblings Jenny Merrick Vecchio '84 (MA German '87) and husband **Gerard Vecchio** of Tolland, Conn., and Charles Merrick and wife Kathleen of Essex Junction, Vt.; and numerous much-loved sisters- and brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

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**84** **Liz Hackett Robinson** sent this update: **Matt Ellenthal** and wife Martha Outlaw have founded Barrelsmit, a new brand of premium ready-to-pour bottled cocktails. They spent

10 years perfecting the art of barrel-aging cocktails in their Connecticut wine cellar and another three converting their recipes for small-scale bottling at a craft facility in New York. Not settling for traditional recipes and off-the-shelf bottles, they experimented, sourced, and developed their own ingredients and methods to create a barrel-aged Negroni, Manhattan, and Boulevardier. The end result is a brand of 100-year-old cocktails made more refined and complex by finishing in oak barrels. Matt serves as chief executive officer and Martha, a Level 2 wine and spirits educator, created the vermouth and liqueur for the Boulevardier. They recently hired UVM grad Alex Hollander to help them promote Barrelsmit in Vermont. Their daughter, Isabelle, also graduated from UVM and lives in Burlington. Alex and Isabelle are the Barrelsmit's brand ambassadors for Vermont. Matt and Martha also have a condo on Pico Mountain. • **Elizabeth Eppes Winton** has stepped down as a class correspondent. We thank her for her many years of service! It's much appreciated. If you feel you could step up as a correspondent, please contact Sara Marshall, alumni editor,

at smarshal@middlebury.edu. It's not a hard or time-consuming job and it's a fun way to stay in touch with classmates!

—*Class Correspondent: Andrew Zehner (andrewzehner@gmail.com).*

**85** **Emily Johnston** writes, "I've continued my 35-year career as an itinerant recreational worker—I'm still guiding on Mount Rainier and various peaks around the world, training whitewater guides, chasing whitewater wherever there's gravity and water, and working as a professional ski patroller (currently at Grand Targhee in the Tetons). I live in a tiny house and an Astro van in various locales, mostly in the Northwest. I went to med school when I was 40, so I have a side job as an emergency medicine doctor working at Madigan Army Medical Center, Wash., and St. John's Medical Center in Jackson, Wyo. I spent about eight months in NYC working on COVID surge teams during the pandemic. In my spare time, I train a variety of military medical providers in tactical, austere, and wilderness medicine and have a small com-

## GRADUATE SCHOOLS

### BREAD LOAF SCHOOL OF ENGLISH

Poet **Susan Moss** (MA '76) is the author of three books of poetry, including one full-length collection entitled *Mapping a Life*, and two chapbooks, *In from the Dark* and *Keep Moving 'til the Music Stops*. Her work has also appeared in numerous publications. She is currently serving a sixth term as president of the Illinois State Poetry Society. • **Rebecca Godwin** (MA '88) was recently awarded a fellowship by the South Carolina Arts Commission for hard work, exceptional ability, and dedication to her discipline. A published author of two novels, her stories and essays have also appeared in the *Paris Review*, *Oxford American's Best of the South* issue, the *Sun*, *Epoch*, *South Carolina Review*, and elsewhere. She has received MacDowell and National Endowment for the Arts fellowships, and for 13 years taught literature and writing at Bennington College. • **Cynthia Lehr** (MA '12), who teaches English at Socastee High School in Myrtle Beach, S.C., was recently named Teacher of the Year. She has been teaching for over 16 years. • The Long Trail School board of trustees have announced that **Colin Igoe** (MA '17) has been named the new head of the school in Dorset, Vt. He has spent the past three years as head of the Upper School at Saint Mark's in Dallas, Texas, and he has also taught at Stratton Mountain School in Vermont.

### BETTY ASHBURY JONES MA '86

#### SCHOOL OF FRENCH

Jessica LaMantia Monsell (MA '04) recently joined Wyche P.A. in Greenville, S.C., as an associate in the firm's litigation practice. She is a graduate of Georgetown Law.

### ITALIAN SCHOOL

**Emmelina De Feo** (MA '98) has worked extensively in Italy and the U.S. in the fields of international education and cultural tourism. Currently, she is the special assignments writer for NYC, business, culture, and health at *La Voce di New York*, the first Italian English digital daily newspaper in the U.S.

### MIDDLEBURY INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AT MONTEREY

**Pranay Verma** (MAT '00) was recently nominated as India's next high commissioner to Bangladesh. Most recently he has been serving as the Indian ambassador to Vietnam, a position he assumed in July 2019. He joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1994 and held diplomatic assignments in Hong Kong, San Francisco, Beijing, Kathmandu, and Washington, D.C. With a degree in mechanical engineering, he first had a career with India's steel manufacturing company, TATA Steel. He and wife Manu have a son and daughter. • *Sports Business Journal* recently did a Forty Under 40 profile of **Christa Stout** (MBA '11). She is the senior VP of technology and innovation with the Portland Trail Blazers. After graduating from Connecticut College, she lived on five continents, developing youth leadership in South Africa, playing professional soccer in Hungary, and launching nonprofits in Colombia, before returning to Portland, Ore., for an internship with Nike. After serving as the community relations director for Timbers, she joined the Portland Trail Blazers. Taking over the technology dept. during the pandemic, she oversaw a wide array of projects, including digitizing tickets, driving direct-to-consumer sales,

and minting the first NBA-sponsored NFT with StormX, to name a few. • This summer **Femi Higgins** (MAIEM '21) was awarded a Projects for Peace grant for his proposal to create the Fostering Ethnic and Ethical Relationships (FEER) program to improve the culture and climate of the Minnesota Public Schools (MPS). FEER is partnering with Education for Liberation MN, a Minnesota nonprofit that promotes policies to protect the fundamental rights of minorities and hosts annual summer camps to support teacher development. Together, the two programs are running a summer camp to train teachers and youth leaders on intercultural learning, human rights education, and nonviolent conflict resolution. Femi says, "As a former teacher in MPS, I witnessed how schooling both causes and perpetuates social inequity and violence through the unequal distribution of power and resources."

### SCHOOL OF SPANISH

**Brian O'Dwyer** (MA '67) has been appointed by President Joe Biden to serve as a member of the Commissions on Presidential Scholars. A longtime advocate for equal access to higher education, he has served as chair of the CUNY Law School Foundation, chair of the Advisory Council of the George Washington Univ. Graduate School of Political Management, and a board member of Dublin City Univ. Educational Trust. He is also a founder of Emerald Isle Immigration Center, which is dedicated to providing assistance to all immigrants.

# ClassActs

pany (Cascadia Medical Institute) that does the same, backcountry ski, and recently took up gravel biking." I'm out of breath just reading that! Emily sent a great photo you can see on page 68. • **Lisa Miller Browdy** moved to Seattle in 2018 when her husband became the CFO of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. Prior to the pandemic, Lisa was teaching Nia classes to older adults, but when things shut down in 2020, she turned her attention to volunteering, becoming obsessed with text banking for Democratic candidates up and down the ballot through the elections of 2020 and 2021 (Georgia, Virginia). When the election season cooled down, she lent a hand with the growing post-COVID mental health crisis. After vigorous training, she now volunteers as a crisis counselor for the King County Crisis Hotline, as well as the national Crisis Text Bank. • **Cathy Kennedy** is also in the Seattle area, having driven out west right after graduation and never leaving. She works as a speech language pathologist with the Northshore School District. She and husband Jeff successfully launched 20-something Alix and Greta and thoroughly enjoy the wilds of the PacNorthwest, specifically hiking, camping, and cross-country skiing. • **Karen Rockow Chalmers** was recently featured in an article in *Oregon Coast Today*,

which explained in exquisite detail the ephemeral art she has been creating on the beaches in and around Seal Rock State Park. Karen's medium is sand raking, which she turns into elaborate mandalas, labyrinths, and other artistic designs. She has quite a following and can be found on her Spinning Sands Facebook page. • Farther down the coast, **Kay Rayhill Hohenwarter** was recently featured in the *San Francisco Daily Journal* for her long-term legal work supporting the unrepresented. Kay went west after graduation and ended up at the Univ. of Idaho Law School. After earning her JD, she initially settled in San Francisco and embarked on an accomplished legal career. That journey culminated in her appointment in 2020 as the Yolo County (Calif.) Superior Court Commissioner, where she has earned a reputation as a highly respected arbiter of the law. Kay and her husband have raised four kids, all now in their 20s. • I must sadly report that **Eric Hartmann** passed away in late March at his home in Maine. Eric was an avid skier and fisherman who loved the outdoors, hiking many of the PacNorthwest's highest peaks during his many years out west before migrating back to New England. His various vocations over the years included ski instructor, fly-fishing guide, lawyer, sales professional, author, and cofounder of a vegetarian

restaurant with his wife of 28 years, Heather Burt. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Heather and their daughter, Mira. • Please keep the updates coming!

—*Class Correspondent: Dale Sailer (dalesailer@gmail.com)*

**86** **Bill Burden** and **Will Safford** bumped into each other at the Mostly Modern Music festival at Zankel Music Center at Skidmore College in June. Bill was on staff as a vocal coach, and Will was hired to play in the orchestra for several days on bassoon and contrabassoon. See a photo of the two on page 68.

—*Class Correspondent: Heather Pierce Post (beatherdpierce@gmail.com).*

**87** **Nancy Ilgenfritz** sent this note after Reunion: "Today I visited my friend and fellow Middlebury graduate, Barbara 'Bobbie' Bates Lauterwasser '47, and gave her a Reunion update as well as her own Woody Jackson Reunion tote. Unfortunately, Bobbie could not make her Reunion this year, but she did connect via phone with some of her classmates over Reunion weekend. It's remarkable that this is the first Reunion Bobbie has missed as she has proudly and faithfully attended

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ALL of her other Reunions. When I attended our 35th Reunion, I checked in with the 1947 class and picked up the tote bag for her." Check out a photo on page 68.

• **Gilles Rollet** recently launched a coral reef conservation nonprofit organization, Rollet Reefs Foundation. A scuba diver, he has dived coral reef sites around the world and, over the past few decades, has been dismayed by the damage he's seen on the reefs, mainly as a result of coral bleaching, pollution, and overfishing. His foundation will focus on supporting reefs in developing countries, such as those in the Indian Ocean and the Caribbean, where there is not as much funding for conservation as there is in more prosperous areas.

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**88 REUNION CLASS** We were students at Midd just yesterday, right? Ahhh, the reality is that it's been a good long time since we entered and then graduated from beloved Middlebury! But 2023 is just around the corner! Mark your calendars for June 9–11, start your text threads now with your friends, and let's plan to reunite in Vermont next year. Can't wait to see you all—let's share some memories and make a few new ones!

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**89** Please send me your news! Classmates want to know what you're up to.  
—*Class Correspondent: George Baxter (george.baxter@me.com).*

**90** It is with great sadness and heavy hearts that we report the loss of our classmate, **Amanuel Abate**. Amanuel's life was far from ordinary. He was born in Ethiopia, but with a revolution occurring in that country, his father chose to take a job opportunity with the International Labor Organization and the family moved to Geneva, Switzerland. His mother also became a diplomat, working for the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. Amanuel attended the International School of Geneva (Pregny and La Grande Boissière) from which he graduated in 1987 with an International Baccalaureate degree. Amanuel found his way to Middlebury as a junior after spending his first year of college at the University of Virginia. He was looking for a more intimate college environment, where he could connect with faculty as well as students, and Middlebury did not disappoint. He greatly enjoyed his time at Middlebury, and Vermont remained a special place in his heart throughout the years. Amanuel went on to study law in Australia and England. Professionally, his years were spent in the realm of his favorite professional sport: football (soccer). He was involved with broadcast rights for UEFA as well as FIFA and spent

many hours with teams from all over the world at regional matches, World Cup events, the Championships League, the UEFA Under-21 Championship, and the Olympics. He made fast friends wherever he went. Everyone gravitated to his infectious charm and keen interest in people. He was a natural leader and invested his time and energy into nurturing the relationships and communities he was connected with. He leaves behind his wife, Kristina, his two daughters, Louella (12) and Liya (5), his parents, his sister Weynabeba, brothers Mulutsegia and Dirshaye, and nephew Arthur, as well as a wonderful web of "best friends" around the world. • **Paola Venturini**, husband Darren Hubert, and their 10-year-old twins are living in Seattle (after living in Singapore for six years) and loving it! Darren works for Microsoft and Paola is getting certified to become a medical interpreter after a career in hospitality. (Paola literally speaks all the Romance languages.) She visited NYC in April and got to see **Patrick Hazlewood** and **Elisabeth Daub** and speak with **Camilla Vriesen Hofmann**. When Paola and family were in Times Square, she ran into **Kathy Bashant Knapp**, who recognized her! Paola enjoys keeping up with **Rob Skiff**, **Laura Manibo Callan**, and **Patrick** on their WhatsApp chat. • As reported in the spring column, **Pam Adelman Ball**, **Anise Nassiry Graham**, and **Steph Cooper** had a mini-reunion in San Francisco, with their daughters in tow. Pam's daughter, Peyton (14), and Anise's daughter, Charlotte (14), are good friends. Check out a photo on page 68! Anise and Steph also connected with **Tizz Strachan**, who still teaches at the Community School in Sun Valley, Idaho, and now has three teenage boys! In further news, Anise and husband Frank are picking up and moving to Spain this fall with Charlotte and she will attend the International School in Barcelona!

—*Class Correspondents: Doug Meyer (pdougm@aol.com); Elizabeth Toder (eatoder@gmail.com).*

**91** **Justin Grohs** writes, "I have been living in Montana (Great Falls) for a number of years and am currently managing a paramedic ambulance service. Interestingly I got my start in EMS while volunteering for the Middlebury Volunteer Ambulance Assoc. I have two children: Abigail (16) and Quinn (13), who are going nonstop with their various activities; I serve with great pleasure as a shuttle driver. We ski/snowboard at Showdown Montana during the winter (a great mid-size Montana ski hill to visit if folks are looking for something a little different), and I am honing my golf skills this summer. We will be making a summer trip to Maine (homestate) in August, which we're really looking forward to, and intend to make it back to Middlebury one of these days, maybe for a Reunion. I have been staying in close contact with classmates **Mark Van Winkle** and **Josh Clay**; also, my daughter is working part time at an outdoors store here called Big Horn Outdoor Specialists that is owned by

Midd alums Chris '98 and Beth Jones Leatham '99."

• Congratulations to **Ben Judson**, who was recently appointed the Charles W. Ohse Professor of Surgery (Otolaryngology) at Yale School of Medicine. He is a head and neck surgeon as well as an educator and experienced administrator.

—*Class Correspondent: Andrew Resnik (resnikandrew@gmail.com).*

**92** We hope everyone had a good time at Reunion! We'll have more about the weekend in the fall issue.

—*Class Correspondents: David Boyle (davemboyle@gmail.com); Leslie Cone Pagnotta (lesliepagnotta917@gmail.com).*

**93 REUNION CLASS** Bill and Annamarie Rondeau sent this news about their daughter: "Our daughter, **Maria Rondeau**, and her partner, Juan Manuel Calderon, run two restaurants in Somerville and Cambridge, Mass., specializing in cuisine from Peru. In addition to these two restaurants, on weekends during the summer months they offer a Peruvian meal cooked in a pit in the ground at their home in Andover, Vt. They have been featured on *CBS Saturday Morning* with Jeff Glor and in many publications."

—*Class Correspondent: Maria Diaz (latinawriting@gmail.com).*

**94** After 21 years in Seattle, **Mandy Levenberg** and her family (Clay, Zoe, Stella, Hazel) are making a big move—to Valencia, Spain. Clay will be working for Vista and Mandy will continue to run her consulting biz, LEV Strategies. Her side-hustle granola company, Greater Good Granola, will go on siesta after six years baking many, many pounds of granola and \$100,000 given away towards the greater good. *Andale!* • **Jeanie Hudson Card** reports that after 28 years in D.C., she has moved home to New England. Jeanie is living in the Park Square neighborhood in Boston and looking forward to reconnecting with Midd friends all over New England.

—*Class Correspondents: Mary Strife Cairns (mcairns94@gmail.com); Gene Swift (geneswift@gmail.com).*

**95** **Julie Moriarty McDonough** has agreed to serve as the class correspondent for 1995! You can send her news at the email below.

—*Class Correspondent: Julie Moriarty McDonough (juliemcdonough@gmail.com).*

**96** Congratulations to **Robynne Maii**, who won the 2022 James Beard Award for Best Chef, Northwest and Pacific. She is the first woman of native Hawaiian heritage to earn the award. After a long career in the restaurant

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industry, she left it to do other things. But six years ago, she returned when she and her husband, Chuck, opened Fête, a restaurant on Oahu that is described as a seasonal New American restaurant. The James Beard Award recognizes exceptional talent and achievement in the culinary arts.

—*Class Correspondent: Humberto Garcia-Sjogrim (bumbertogs@gmail.com).*

**97** Congratulations to **Jason Ennis**, who recently released his album *Jota Sete*, which features his original compositions and arrangements of Brazilian and jazz classics. • **Tim Cron** was recently profiled in the *Idaho Statesman* about his popular bakery in Stanley, Idaho, which he runs May to October with his wife, Becky, and which some patrons say has the best breakfast in the U.S. He also manages the Sawtooth Hotel, a nine-room hotel and restaurant that he and Becky bought with his sister-in-law in the mid-2000s. • We hope you enjoyed our 25th Reunion! —*Class Correspondents: Jennifer Gelb Carbee (jcarbee@gmail.com); Jackie Pelton Hoglund (jackiehoglund@gmail.com).*

**98 REUNION CLASS HELLO,** AMAZING members of the Class of 1998! Mark your calendars for OUR 25TH REUNION on June 8–11, 2023! We would love for everyone to come from Thursday to Sunday. We are brainstorming ideas and welcome volunteers/suggestions for live music Friday night, as well as any other ideas of what you would like to do! Which teachers do you want to see? Will you join us to hike Snake Mountain?! What do you want to see or do? PLEASE REALLY FRIENDS! Share thoughts at Midd1998Reunion@gmail.com. • Meanwhile, check out a photo of **Shruthi** on page 68. She met fellow alum Rick Legro '79 when both were subspecialty oral board examiners for reproductive endocrinology and infertility at the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology in Dallas, Texas, where they co-examined candidates for a day in a unique Midd dynamic duo. Shruthi adds this note: “Midd student Rashmi Bajaj '23 is a summer intern in my research group, and I am so excited to have her here working on a project to understand chemical exposure from hair salon products.”

—*Class Correspondents: Katie Whittlesey Comstock (katiecomstock3@gmail.com); Nate Johnson (natejohn98@gmail.com); Shruthi Mahalingaiab (shruthi@hspb.harvard.edu).*

**99** Please send us your news! We'd love to hear from you. —*Class Correspondents: Erin Harrington (erindorie@gmail.com); Peter Steinberg (captfun99@gmail.com).*

**00** **Terry Wetterman** joined ArcLight Capital in Boston as director of investor relations last fall. ArcLight invests in energy and related infrastructure assets that are enabling a rapid and orderly transition to a clean energy future. Congratulations, Terry! • What have you been up to? Drop me a line at the email below!

—*Class Correspondent: Jennifer Crystal (jennifercrystalwriter@gmail.com).*

**01** **Bill** and **Meghan Mitchell Allen** report that they are moving “back” to Middlebury this fall with Charlie (10) and Jane (7). “We can’t wait!” • **Ryan Palsrok** has accepted a new diplomatic posting as the deputy chief of mission at the U.S. Embassy in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea. To read more about Ryan’s recent experiences, go to [gq.usembassy.gov](http://gq.usembassy.gov) and search his name. • **Karen Pren** reports, “After 15 years of working for Princeton University as a project manager for the Mexican Migration Project, I moved to Houston, Texas, last summer. Now I work as a data manager for the Houston Education Research Consortium at Rice University.” • **Meegan Moszynski** writes, “Last year I became the managing director of the U.S. Collegiate Ski and Snowboard Association. If anyone is ever out in Colorado or Jackson for a ski trip, let me know and we can take some turns!” • In April, **Matt Arnould** became the general counsel of Dynamo Software, a multinational fintech SaaS platform for asset managers. • **Sydney Copp** writes, “I am currently teaching middle school in Hyde Park, Vermont, and surviving my 17th year as a public educator. But, more exciting news in my life came last year when I was listening to the podcast *True Crime Bullshit* (or TCBS if you like) by Josh Hallmark and heard a description of a John Doe in Maine. It sounded like a possible match to my favorite substitute teacher and local author from Concord, Mass., named Christopher Roof, who went missing but was never officially reported in 2010. After months of sharing my hunch with friends and doing my own digging, I decided to call in to the Maine State Police, who took my tip seriously and contacted his family. They provided DNA, and it turned out to be a match. My true crime habit paid off for good in this case. The news broke in September of 2021, and for those interested in learning more, you can listen to Episode 501 of TCBS or to the *Dark Downeast* podcast by Kylie Low in the episode on the Stacyville John Doe. I have started a creative project based on this story—stay tuned for more, or feel free to contact me if you are a producer.” • **Jason Jenner** and Mariah Strongin were married on March 19 at Rosewood Baha Mar resort in the Bahamas. The three days of festivities were attended by family, friends (including **David Cohen**), and a special appearance by four flamingos.

—*Class Correspondents: Leslie Fox Arnould (leslearnould@gmail.com); Zach Bourque (zacharybourque@gmail.com).*

**02** Hello, Class of '02! Your friendly class correspondents, **Eric** and **Morgan**, really enjoyed hanging out with everyone during our Reunion weekend in June. • **Jamie Renner** reaches out with a warm greeting from the Green Mountain State. “For the last handful of years, I’ve been living in Montpelier with my wife and two daughters (ages 4 and 6). I’m a lawyer at the Vermont Attorney General’s Office, but mostly a dad, husband, and co-manager of home chaos. I’m enjoying sharing this era with **Andrew Strong** and **Rachael Faraone**, who live in Montpelier as well (among other '02 grads). If you’re in town, give me a shout!” Though Jamie sounds as nice and morally sound as ever, we still like to imagine him as the Saul Goodman of Vermont. • **Kitt Guaraldi** writes, “Since Middlebury, I’ve moved to Portland, moved back home to Vermont, and subsequently moved back home to Portland again! No more cross-country moves for a while, please! I’ve been nose to the grindstone for over a decade with a naturopathic medical practice, offering early pediatrics, women’s health care, structural integration, and pelvic-floor physical therapy to folks in the greater Portland area. I regularly rough-house with my rambunctious red-headed eight-year-old daughter, who says she wants to own a horse and three chickens as soon as we move to a farm in the country. I don’t think that will be any time in the near future but come visit when you’re in Portland next!” We really appreciate that update, Kitt. If we were more studious and thorough class reps, we’d figure out if you’re referring to Portland, Maine, or Portland, Ore., but alas... • We were intrigued to hear that **Emi Kubota** has left her day job at the family business, Green Sprouts, to start a new company: KidCycle Club. She says, “We use the bicycle as a vehicle to power confidence and connection in kids, ages 12 months to 12 years old. It’s completely overwhelming and overjoying at the same time. We’re going through growing pains trying to hire and train coaches and guides. Once we get the formula right, we will look toward regional expansion!” Thank you for writing in, Emi. We hope your new company jingle is as memorable as your voicemail greeting back at Middlebury. • Finally, **Kimya Gharib Kurilla** provided the following update: “These past few years have been crazy, but I’m excited to report that I started a new job this year with Capital One doing partner marketing. It’s been great so far! I have two kids, Kayla (8.5) and Alexi (6.5), who have been thriving even in all this craziness, and were excited to tackle their first black diamond run skiing in Park City, Utah, on our annual trip. I’ve also started playing tennis again and love being back on the court!” Cheers to staying healthy, active, and taking care of business on the court. • What other sports have classmates started or restarted in the “middle” years of life? Let us know and write in with any life updates or sports achievements: [middlebury02@gmail.com](mailto:middlebury02@gmail.com). We hope to hear from everyone!

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**03 REUNION CLASS** **Ryan Koupal** is the founder of 40 Tribes Backcountry Adventures. Having developed a passion for splitboarding (backcountry snowboarding), he developed 40 Tribes to combine the sport with less-known worldwide adventure destinations. Kyrgyzstan was the first location the company offered in 2011 and the offerings have expanded since then to include arctic Norway, Georgia, Russia, France, Chile, and Greenland. • **Kyle Pilkington** was recently appointed chief legal officer at SES AI Corp., which develops and manufactures lithium-metal rechargeable batteries for electric vehicles and other applications. • We are still looking for people to step up as class correspondents for 2003. It's not a huge time commitment and it's a fun way to stay in touch with classmates. If you are interested, contact Sara Marshall at [smarshal@middlebury.edu](mailto:smarshal@middlebury.edu).

**04** Please send us your news! We'd love to hear from you!  
—Class Correspondents: **Athenia (Tina) Fischer-Rodney** ([atheniarodney@gmail.com](mailto:atheniarodney@gmail.com)); **Drew Pugsley** ([drew.pugsley@gmail.com](mailto:drew.pugsley@gmail.com)).

**05** **Adani Illo** left Goldman Sachs and is now a managing director at Evercore, where he heads FinTech/FIG equity capital markets. He is based in New York and spends most of his free time with his five-year-old daughter. • **Tommy Wisdom** is still living in Bend, Ore., and recently started working for a company based in Boston called Tomorrow.io. He runs business development efforts for the federal government side of things, and he enjoys reconnecting to his former work in the military. Tommy and his family have a small horse farm and many chickens, cats, and dogs. He sees Marshall Greene '04 from time to time. • **Johanna Riesel** is working as a pediatric reconstructive surgeon at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. She and her pup Ruthie get out into the woods every weekend because they are Midd Kids at heart. If there are any Midd Kids in Toronto, Johanna would love to connect! • **Jon Burke** recently became a partner at Dechert LLP in their global finance group. He is still living in NYC with his beautiful pup Autumn. COVID permitting, when he's not traveling to eat at the world's best restaurants, he's tailgating for Giants games or spending time down the Jersey shore. • **Becky Bloom** finally finished her PhD in Buddhist studies from the Dept. of Asian Languages and Cultures at the University of Michigan. It only took her 10 years! Becky's mom might hire a skywriter. She also got a job! Becky is now the assistant director of curatorial affairs at the Southern Utah Museum of Art, close to

where she, her husband, and daughter live in Utah's canyon country. • **Nell Wright Acosta, Leslie Gately Crowley, Megan James, Macy Johnson, Polly Lynn Mikula, and Ellen Whelan-Wuest** have sought every opportunity that COVID and life will allow to reconnect in person over the past year. Most recently they spent an icy but glorious weekend together in Great Barrington, Mass., in early February, leaving behind all their work and family responsibilities (no kids!) to revel in late night dance parties, great food and drinks, hours of lounging, and near endless laughter. Trip highlights included a cannoli cake to celebrate Macy's birthday, an epic rendition of "We Don't Talk about Bruno," and a rousing solo performance of Deborah Cox's 1998 hit "Nobody's Supposed to be Here." The whole weekend felt like college with no homework—the ultimate dream! • **Susanna Gorski Bartolomei** has two boys, a one-year-old and a five-year-old, who are simply wonderful! Teddy, her five-year-old, heads off to school in the fall, and Bennett "Benito," her one-year-old is busy walking and being cool. Susanna and her wonderful husband, Harper, had an excellent 2021! She works in residential real estate and has been honored on the RealTrends list; she is also a member of the top 1 percent of agents nationwide in Home Services of America, a Berkshire Hathaway Company. Susanna's 2022 is off to a great start, and she is enjoying building a team of women agents. Her team is four strong now, and as she approaches the next decade, she is looking forward to doing more work in advancing the careers of women in entrepreneurship and business. Way to go, Susanna! • **Becca Poccia Hays** and husband Chris welcomed their first child, Benjamin, on March 3. Canine family members Oakley and Wiggle have been a huge help to the new parents and look forward to teaching Benji all their favorite games as soon as his hands are big enough to hold a ball. • And **Terray Sylvester** is in his second year working as a climbing guide on Mount Everest for a company called Madison Mountaineering. Now that must be refreshing! • **Megan Hutchin** accepted the role of assistant head of school at the Girls' Middle School in Palo Alto. She started in July—exciting times ahead! • **Jonathan Nichols** has been promoted to director at Goulston & Storrs in Boston, where he is a real estate attorney. In 2011 he received his JD from Northeastern University School of Law, as well as his MBA from Northeastern and his MA from Vermont Law School. • This past winter **Brian Phinney** was awarded Coach of the Year by Neutral Zone. He is the head hockey coach at Belmont Hill School in Belmont, Mass., where he turned the hockey program around this past season and had a 19-2-3 record. Congratulations!

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**06** Congratulations to **Scott Buckley**, who was recently named president of Green Lantern Solar, a renewable energy development and finance company focusing on commercial-scale solar PV and energy storage systems. He was previously vice president of finance.

—Class Correspondents: **Alex Casnocha** ([alexander.casnocha@gmail.com](mailto:alexander.casnocha@gmail.com)); **Jack Donaldson** ([jack.c.donaldson@gmail.com](mailto:jack.c.donaldson@gmail.com)).

**07** We hope everyone who could attend enjoyed Reunion! We are looking for one or two Class of 2007 members to step up as class correspondents. It's a great way to stay in touch with classmates and it really does not take a lot of time. If you are interested, please contact Sara Marshall at [smarshal@middlebury.edu](mailto:smarshal@middlebury.edu).

**08 REUNION CLASS** Please send us your news! We'd love to hear from you. And be sure to put June 9–11, 2023, on your calendars for our 15th Reunion!

—Class Correspondents: **Laura Lee Mittelman** ([laurawhitneylee@gmail.com](mailto:laurawhitneylee@gmail.com)); **Jee Yeon Park** ([jeeyeonp@gmail.com](mailto:jeeyeonp@gmail.com)).

**09** We are looking for a couple of classmates to step up as correspondents! It's a fun way to stay in touch with classmates and it's an easy job that does not take much more time than sending out some emails. If you are interested, please contact Sara Marshall at [smarshal@middlebury.edu](mailto:smarshal@middlebury.edu).

—Class Correspondents: **Billie Borden** ([billie.borden@gmail.com](mailto:billie.borden@gmail.com)); **Ashley Bell Volwiler** ([ashley.volwiler@gmail.com](mailto:ashley.volwiler@gmail.com)).

**10** **Christopher Mejia** says, "I've been living in Richmond, Va., with my wife and two-year-old son, John. I continue to work as a senior manager at Ernst & Young, doing consulting primarily for the government and public sector clients."

• **Jack Masur** shares, "I finished my internal medicine residency this year and moved to Charlottesville, Va., in June to start a fellowship in hematology/oncology at the University of Virginia Medical Center. My wife, Caroline, and I are staying busy running after our two-year-old daughter, Annie." • **George Altshuler** started a yearlong rabbinical internship recently at Reform Congregation Sherith Israel in San Francisco, where he will work until he graduates from Hebrew Union College next May. • Sullivan & Worcester recently announced that the firm elected **Shu Wei** as partner in the Boston office. She is a member of the firm's capital markets group and represents public and private companies in corporate and securities matters.

—Class Correspondents: **Alice Ford** ([alicemarieford@gmail.com](mailto:alicemarieford@gmail.com)); **Oscar Loyo** ([loyo.oscar@gmail.com](mailto:loyo.oscar@gmail.com)).

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**11** If you have news you'd like to share with classmates, please send it to [Midd2011@gmail.com!](mailto:Midd2011@gmail.com)

—*Class Correspondent: Sam Parnell ([Midd2011@gmail.com](mailto:Midd2011@gmail.com)).*

**12** Hello everyone! We hope this finds you all keeping well. Be sure to keep in touch with us if you have exciting updates to share. It was great to see many of you on campus for our 10-year Reunion in June. Ed. note: Congratulations to **Sara** and **Paige**, who received the Outstanding Class Correspondent Award at Reunion. They have done a great job in the past 10 years staying connected to

classmates and reporting their news in this class column! • **Jessie Williamson** says, "In May I defended my dissertation and earned my PhD in biology from the University of New Mexico, and two weeks later, **Will Ford** and I celebrated our 10-year anniversary by tying the knot in Albuquerque, N.M. I received a Cornell Rose Postdoctoral Fellowship and a National Science Foundation Postdoctoral Research Fellowship in biology. Later this summer, we'll move to Ithaca, N.Y., where I'll start my postdoc at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology." • **Nicholas Montello** is a family nurse practitioner at Ticonderoga Health Center and Moriah Health Center in New York, specializing in primary care.

—*Class Correspondents: Sara Cohen ([srcoheno90@gmail.com](mailto:srcoheno90@gmail.com)); Paige Keren ([pkeren12@gmail.com](mailto:pkeren12@gmail.com)).*

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**13** **REUNION CLASS Thomas Kivney** has written an action/rom-com script titled *Max and Tony's Epic One-Night Stand*. After graduating, he worked in NYC as a book-to-film scout, finding books and graphic novels for the likes of Warner Bros. and Netflix to produce. He then got into AFI's master's film program and while taking classes, worked on his own script. After pitching *Max and Tony*, he was signed as a client with Kaplan/Perrone entertainment manager Michael Wilson, who sent out the final draft, which earned a coveted spot on the 2021 Black List.

—*Class Correspondents: Elma Burnham ([eccburnham@gmail.com](mailto:eccburnham@gmail.com)); Peter DiPrinzio ([peterd1331@gmail.com](mailto:peterd1331@gmail.com)).*

**14** **Dylan Kane** recently joined Colliers as a managing director in the firm's growing New York Capital Markets group. He previously worked at B6 Real Estate Advisors and in 2021 was selected as a Top Mortgage Broker by ConnectCRE. He was also honored in 2019 by Commercial Observer as one of the Top 25 Debt and Equity Professionals under 35. • After leaving Midd, **Shannon Fiedler** moved to NYC to pursue an acting career. Acting was a hard life, so she found other outlets and began to write for blogs, websites, and ad agencies. But she still wanted to perform, so she began doing stand-up comedy and loved it. During the pandemic, she developed her social media presence. You can check her out on Instagram and TikTok.

—*Class Correspondents: Jackie Breckenridge ([jackiebreck@outlook.com](mailto:jackiebreck@outlook.com)); Emma Kitchen ([m.emma.kitchen@gmail.com](mailto:m.emma.kitchen@gmail.com)); Peter Mattson ([petercmattson@gmail.com](mailto:petercmattson@gmail.com)).*

**15** **Bree Baccaglini** sent this note to the College: "In the spirit of highlighting the laudable and important work being done by Middlebury alumni, I wanted to make sure you knew of one of my classmate's current pursuits. While it's sometimes hard to brag about oneself, it's easy for one's friend to brag—which is what I'm doing by telling you

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about **Marjeela Basij-Rasikh**. In response to the collapse of Afghanistan last fall, Marjeela processed her grief through action and started an organization called Reesha to aid those in her home country. As you surely know, many Afghans started facing (and continue to face) starvation post-collapse, and basic needs like shelter, education, and employment continue to go unmet. This, to say nothing of the deep spiritual and psychic wounds that many have and will continue to experience under Taliban rule. Reesha is trying to address all of this through providing transparent and effective assistance to incredibly vulnerable families. Reesha is responding to one of our world's greatest humanitarian tragedies and I wanted to make sure Middlebury alums knew about it." • **Joseph Jessup McDermott** and **Ellen Taylor Jessup McDermott** welcomed their son, John Natmak Jessup McDermott, on January 22, 2022. Both his English and Inupiaq names (*Natmak*, to carry) are in honor of his grandfather, who was the first high school teacher in the village of Noatak, Alaska, the village where Joe grew up. At present, the family resides in the town of Chugiak, a suburb north of Anchorage, where they have been since June 2020. Joe and Ellen were married in a small ceremony in Knoxville, Tenn., in April 2019, and had planned on having a larger celebration in Vermont, but plans fell through due to the pandemic. They hope that perhaps someday they will have a Vermont ceremony after all, with John as the ring bearer. Ellen works as an environmental scientist for EA Engineering, while Joe works in administration for the Alaska Native Heritage Center. • **William Melhado** has been named a Poynter-Koch Media and Journalism fellow for 2022–23. He began work as a breaking news reporter at the *Texas Tribune* in June and previously was a journalist at the *Santa Fe Reporter*.

—*Class Correspondent: Elyse Barnard (elyse.db.barnard@gmail.com)*.

**16** If you have any news you'd like to share, please send it to us.  
—*Class Correspondents: Emma McDonald (elmcdonald21@gmail.com); Aviva Shwayder (aviva.shwayder@gmail.com)*.

**17** Congratulations to **Kate Reinmuth**, who was named a Stanford Knight-Hennessy Scholar in the 2022 cohort. She's pursuing a PhD in economics at Stanford School of Humanities and Sciences jointly with a JD at Stanford Law School. She hopes to work on national economic policy related to applied microeconomic topics like innovation, inequality of opportunity, and anticompetitive corporate behavior. • **Camille Kellogg** was recently interviewed by the *New England Review*, where she did an internship. It convinced her she wanted to go into publishing, and after graduation, she attended the Columbia Publishing Course and worked at HarperCollins

Children's Books and Macmillan before ending up at Bloomsbury Children's Books. She has written her own book, which will be published by Penguin Random House next year.

—*Class Correspondent: Ivan Valladares (ivanantvall@gmail.com)*.

**18 REUNION CLASS Nicholas Leslie** was recently profiled in the local Middlebury paper, the *Addison Independent*. He is the program coordinator for the Addison Central Teens program and works hard to provide a welcoming space and things to do for youth in the area who are often disadvantaged and underrepresented. This summer the center has been running weekly camps with themes and during the year, they have after-school programs. Middlebury College students often volunteer and this summer, rising senior Peyton Belsher has been an intern. • Please put the date of our 5th Reunion on your calendar for June 9–11, 2023!

—*Class Correspondents: Georgia Grace Edwards (georgia.grace.edwards@gmail.com); Charlie Mitchell (charlie@tom.org); Hannah Pustejovsky (hannah.pustejovsky@gmail.com)*.

**19** Congratulations to **Robert Cassidy**, who has received a Fulbright Award for the next academic year. He will be an English teaching assistant in Germany.

—*Class Correspondent: Megan Mahoney (megmahoney19@gmail.com)*.

**20 Zach Levitt** recently joined the Graphics Dept. as a graphics editor at the *New York Times*, where he will be focused on cartography and data visualization. He most recently worked with Opinion graphics at the *Times* after stints at the *Washington Post*, NPR, and the *Los Angeles Times*. • Congratulations to **Daniel Morris**, who was awarded a Fulbright grant to Radboud University in the Netherlands.

—*Class Correspondent: Katelan Newman (katelan.newman@gmail.com)*.

**21** Congratulations to Febi **Yamit Netter-Sweet** and **Eva Ury**, who were both recently awarded Fulbright grants for the 2022–2023 academic year. Yamit will be an English teaching assistant in Jordan and Eva will be an English teaching assistant in Italy.

**44 Louise Cosenza Aldrich**, 98, of Warwick, R.I., on December 29, 2021. A member of Pi Beta Phi, she worked in the Trust Dept. of the Guaranty Trust Co. in NYC after graduation. Earning a certificate in occupational therapy from Columbia Univ., she worked at Rhode Island Hospital as an occupational therapist. After raising her children, she worked part time as an evaluator at Vocational Resources, a vocational rehabilitation agency. Predeceased by husband Robert, she is survived by children Robert, David, Susan, and Patricia, and two granddaughters. Deceased Middlebury relatives include sisters Margherita Moore '37 and Helene Chase '38.

**45 Bettina Stringer Bassi**, 97, of Sagamore Hills, Ohio, on December 31, 2021. A Kappa Kappa Gamma at Middlebury, she earned her MED from Framingham State College. She taught English at Algonquin Regional High School in Northborough, Mass., then when she moved to Lakewood, Ohio, in 1968, she taught at Lakewood High as an English teacher and department chair. Predeceased by husband Charles, she is survived by daughters Susan, Denise, and Jeannine, eight grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include great-grandfather Enoch Wines, Class of 1827.

**Janet Shaw Percival**, 96, of Gainesville, Fla., and Cataumet, Mass., on December 11, 2021. A member of Kappa Kappa Gamma at Middlebury, she attended the D. T. Watson School of Physical Therapy at the Univ. of Pittsburgh and earned her RPT. She worked at the Children's Hospital in Boston for two years, primarily with polio patients. While raising her children, she was an active volunteer, eventually discovering oil painting and selling commissioned portraits of people's homes. Predeceased by husband Bill '46, she is survived by children Richard and Susan, four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

**47 Virginia Stowell James**, 95, of Port Orange, Fla., on January 20, 2022. After graduation, she worked as an assistant to the advertising manager of the Fafnir Bearing Co. She earned her master's in education at Yale Univ. in 1955 and had a 40-year career teaching art in Connecticut public schools, primarily in Wallingford. In 1988 she earned her PhD in education of the gifted and talented from the Univ. of Connecticut. She was very active in the Delta Kappa Gamma Society, an international group of key women educators, and served as the president of the Connecticut chapter. Predeceased by husband William, she is survived by daughter Hillary James-Chung and her family.

**Mary Gray Rosenfeld**, 97, of Tucson, Ariz., on December 31, 2021. After graduation, she worked in NYC for a toy company and then for IBM. She was an

## IN MEMORIAM

The following is a list of deaths reported to us since the previous issue. Full obituaries will appear in future issues of the magazine.

Charlotte Gilbert Lightfoot '41	May 28, 2022
Anna MacWilliams Neville '45	June 2, 2022
Jane Robertson Palmstrom '45	May 8, 2022
Barbara Boyden Wetherbee '45	June 20, 2022
Barbara Busing Harris '46	July 8, 2022
Joanne Buckeridge Booth '47	April 28, 2022
Jean Mace Burnell '47	March 16, 2022
Patricia Dow Farmer '48	May 20, 2022
Janet Hubbard Metcalf '48	March 25, 2022
Roswell T. Edwards Jr. '49	May 12, 2022
Leonard Leving III '49	June 1, 2022
Corwin S. Elwell '50	June 4, 2022
Stephen T. Welch '50	May 12, 2022
Eleanore Hoepli Didriksen '51	July 3, 2022
F. Van G. Parker '51	July 19, 2022
Cynthia Fuguet Shurtliff '52	June 21, 2022
Margaret Schlumpf Lambert '53	June 17, 2022
Robert L. Prosser '53	May 18, 2022
Sally Robinson Boardman '54	May 24, 2022
Donald O. Menard '54	June 23, 2022
Carol Jensen Miller '54	May 8, 2022
Diane Schwob Strong '54	June 10, 2022
Helen Kimbark Bocock '56	May 17, 2022
John H. Chase '56	June 1, 2022
Judith Phinney Stearns '56	June 27, 2022
Peter F. Storms '56	April 24, 2022
Ann Eckels Bailie '57	May 3, 2022
Barbara Ransom Payne '57	March 30, 2022
Ewart V. Thomas '57	June 26, 2022
Alice Armstrong Wood '57	April 10, 2022
George "Pete" Bostwick Jr. '58	July 7, 2022
Harlan G. Cummings '58	March 16, 2022
E. Lester McDowell '59	April 26, 2022
John C. Medici '59	July 6, 2022
Barbara Partee Partch '59	June 26, 2022
David R. Rochat '59	July 13, 2022
Carolyn Thrasher Weh '59	May 26, 2022

active volunteer while raising her children, especially for organizations that helped disadvantaged people. She and husband Bill, who predeceased her, had two children, Kim and Bill.

**48** Elizabeth Reid Buzby, 94, of New London, N.H., on December 6, 2021. A member of Pi Beta Phi and of the first ski patrol at Middlebury, she worked after college on the National Ski Patrol, at Eaton's in Montreal, and at Johnny Seesaw's in Peru, Vt. She owned and operated the Crafty Goose in New London for many years after raising her children. She is survived by children John, Sandra '79, David '81, and Nancy and three grandchildren, including Nina '17 and Reid '19 Buzby. Middlebury relatives include niece Cindy Buzby '80.

Michael J. Robinson '60	May 14, 2022
Susan Foster Rowlands '60	June 13, 2022
Vcevold O. Strelakovsky '60	June 19, 2022
Carolyn Cooper Bird '61	May 4, 2022
Anne Ryan Higginbottom '62	May 13, 2022
Robert C. Jacobson '62	June 21, 2022
Edgar F. Lombardy '62	April 27, 2022
Anne Smith McHenry '62	April 17, 2022
Emmett M. Van Buskirk '63	March 1, 2022
Rachel True Billings '64	February 3, 2022
Harry L. "Skip" Cody '64	June 19, 2022
Daniel E. Reynolds '64	February 23, 2022
Maris Swan Humphreys '65	May 31, 2022
Jeffrey P. Minns '68	May 7, 2022
David A. Severance '68	March 29, 2022
John W. McConnell '69	May 8, 2022
Pamela Pritchard Orchard '69	July 27, 2022
Anne Weismann Shea '71	May 9, 2022
Cheryl A. Rinder '72	June 6, 2022
John R. Echols '73	May 23, 2022
Mary E. "Beth" Newkirk '77	June 10, 2022
Harry F. Weyher III '77	June 26, 2022
Jennifer P. Atkins '78	June 30, 2022
Bentley A. Merrick '83	July 2, 2022
James M. Scannell '87	May 13, 2022
Kyle M. Moffat '19	April 23, 2022

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Margaret Schmidt McCornack,	
MA English '60	April 19, 2022
Carole Landry Stefanoni, MA French '65	June 5, 2022
Philip J. O'Donnell, MA French '66	March 18, 2022
Marcel W. Charland, MA French '69	May 10, 2022
Mary Joan Dyer, MA French '72	May 6, 2022
Mikal L. Barnes, MA German '62,	
MA Spanish '88	May 19, 2022
Joy Nicholson Crocker, MA German '63	April 30, 2022
Elaine McDermott Bunn, MA Spanish '62	June 18, 2022
Evelyn Hester Church, MA Spanish '70	May 15, 2022
Michel H. Nasr, MATFL '89	April 1, 2022

**Natalie Richmond Hamlin**, 95, of North Kingstown, R.I., on November 30, 2021. A Sigma Kappa, she took courses at Middlebury's summer French School and at the Univ. of Rhode Island. For many years, she taught French at Livingston (N.J.) High School and retired in 1989. In retirement, she taught and tutored French at the North Kingstown Public Library and had private clients as well. Predeceased by husband Donald '47, she is survived by children William, Robert, and Nancy, four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

**49** Dorcas Neal Gracey, 93, formerly of Arlington, Va., on December 28, 2021. At Middlebury, she was a member of Alpha Xi Delta. She earned teaching credentials as well as a master's in special education from the Univ. of Maryland and taught

for many years. For more than 20 years, she taught the Capstone Executive Development Course at the National Defense Univ., for which the Joint Chiefs of Staff awarded her the Distinguished Public Service Award in 2008. She also wrote a monthly letter for the *Commandant's Bulletin*, offering encouragement, advice, and praise for Coast Guard women. Predeceased by husband James and daughter Pamela, she is survived by children Kevin and Cheryl, three grandchildren, and two great-grandsons.

**Richard S. Johnson**, 95, of Byfield, Mass., on January 14, 2022. During WWII, he served in the Merchant Marines transporting war materials across the Pacific. A member of Delta Kappa Epsilon, he earned an MNS from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in 1960, then pursued a lifelong career in education as a business manager, science teacher, assistant principal, and a unit manager in both public and private schools, particularly Waldorf schools. Predeceased by wife Edith "Pinckney" (Williams) '48, he is survived by his second wife and her daughters, his children David, Andrea, Scott '77, and Lisa '79, nine grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include brother David '45, and uncle and aunt Donald and Dorothy Johnson Frederickson, both Class of 1925.

**Patricia Riley Sweeney**, 93, of Southwest Harbor, Maine, on January 17, 2022. While raising her children, she and her family lived in foreign countries where she volunteered at the American School libraries. Returning to the States, she earned her master's in library science from Case Western Reserve and worked for a database company abstracting information on new products. Predeceased by husband Tom, she is survived by children Robin, Dale, and Patrick, and four grandchildren.

**50** Ross C. Cowan, 93, of Bedford, Mass., on November 18, 2021. He served in the Army before finishing his degree at Middlebury. He had a long career in casualty reinsurance and high-risk underwriting, beginning as a casualty claim adjuster for Aetna Life and Casualty Co. He served in several senior roles, including VP with Prudential Reinsurance Co., and senior VP then president, special underwriting group, at Commercial Union Assurance Co. Predeceased by wife Katherine (Tucker), he is survived by children Chris, Andrew, and Nancy, and four grandchildren.

**51** Jane Walker Nutting, 93, of Saco, Maine, on January 21, 2022. For 35 years, she was a part of the Army life with her husband and worked to help young military families. She served as a nurse's aide in various Army hospitals, was an Arlington Lady during the Vietnam War, and taught school as a substitute teacher. Her family lived seven years in Germany, four years in Latin America, and in several locations in

the U.S. She is survived by husband Wallace, children Elizabeth, John, Katherine, and Sally, nine grandchildren, including Trent Nutting '02, and 12 great-grandchildren.

**52** **Clayton C. Butzer**, 91, of Lancaster, Pa., on January 12, 2022. A member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, where he served as president, he joined the Navy Pilot Training Program at Pensacola, Fla., and graduated with a commission as an ensign. He flew P-2V Neptune aircraft, used to track Soviet submarines and conduct search and rescue missions. After four years in the Navy, he began a career first in the aerospace industry, then in metals when titanium was being used in aircraft engines and pioneering in the medical field. He held executive sales positions for several companies over the next three decades. He is survived by wife Barbara (Eckman) '52, children Stephen, Molly, Randy, and Amy, nine grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

**Elizabeth Pierce Edson**, 91, of Randolph Center, Vt., on February 1, 2022. While her children were young, she held various jobs, including teaching in a private kindergarten and working as an aide at the Marion Cross school in Norwich, Vt. In 1979, feeling called to ministry, she became a licensed pastor in the United Church of Christ (UCC) and served the Sharon (Vt.) Church for 13 years. After retiring, she was involved with numerous volunteer activities, including chairing the Vermont Conference UCC Dept. of Mission and working with Bethel Life Skills, teaching Rebound for women in crisis or transition. Predeceased by husband David and grandson Patrick, she is survived by children Susan, Stuart, and Lynn, and three grandchildren.

**Lois Tyson Vetare**, 90, of Mt. Kisco, N.Y., on November 27, 2021. A Kappa Delta, she worked as a librarian and did editorial work for an economic foundation. Once her children were grown, she worked 10 years as the executive assistant to a New York State legislator. An education advocate, she pursued graduate studies in education and worked as a substitute teacher for Bedford Central School District as well as serving on the school board. Predeceased by husband Ferdinand '49, she is survived by daughters Elaine, Beth, Mandy, and Margaret, four grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

**53** **Helen Chase Pyke**, 88, of East Enosburg, Vt., on January 1, 2022. She taught French at a small private school in the Burlington, Vt., area and was an adjunct professor of French at Trinity College in Burlington. In 1970 she began to study astrology and studied anthroposophy seven summers at the Rudolf Steiner Institute. She also began a 14-year study of palmistry in Montreal and began to see clients as an astropalmistry consultant. Over the years she cast

thousands of astrological charts and read palms for clients. She also taught courses at UVM's Evening Division. Predeceased by husband Taylor '53 and son William, she is survived by children Robert, Anne, Lindsay, John, and Grantley, and seven grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include mother Ruth Chase, Class of 1925, uncle and aunt Paul '33 and Jilda '31 Collins, and aunt Alice Pace '33.

**Richard C. Worthington**, 91, of Brunswick, Maine, on January 24, 2022. A member of Delta Kappa Epsilon, he served in the Army in Germany after graduation. He joined the New York Telephone Co. as an installation foreman then took their business trainee program. He had a long career with Bell Atlantic in NYC in accounting and as a supervisor, retiring in 1989. Predeceased by wife Nancy (Heiland) '55, he is survived by daughter Ann, sons Steven, Peter, and Eric, and nine grandchildren.

**54** **George I. Atwell Jr.**, 89, of Germantown, N.Y., on December 30, 2021. A Phi Kappa Tau, he served in the Army after graduation in Germany. He worked for various companies in sales and management, including McGuire Co., where he was made president of M/M Marketing, and for Atlantic Design and Engineering. Predeceased by first wife Jean (Conte) and grandson Daniel, he is survived by wife Virginia (Evans), children George, Gail, Angela, Kathleen, Paul, and Jonathan, stepchildren Robert, David, and Michael, 23 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.

**Richard A. Stoehr**, 89, of Center Sandwich, N.H., on December 28, 2021. A member of Alpha Sigma Psi, he left Middlebury after two years to enlist in the Army, where he served in the medical corp as a trained nurse and also had a parallel career as an executive in the Boy Scouts of America. Returning to Middlebury he earned his BA and later earned a BD and MDiv from Andover Newton Theological Seminary. Ordained in the United Church of Christ, he served the Congregational Church of South Dennis, Mass., for 26 years. In 1990, he moved to Fitchburg, Mass., to serve as senior pastor at the Rollstone Congregational Church. Before retiring, he also served in transitional ministry roles at several churches. Predeceased by wife Judy (Collins), he is survived by children Marna and Garen, and six grandchildren.

**Mary-Louise Bayles Wyckoff**, 89, of Kennebunk, Maine, on November 14, 2021. A Delta Delta Delta at Middlebury, she graduated with a degree in biochemistry/chemistry and worked as an analytical chemist for Hall Laboratories in Pittsburgh, Pa. With the birth of her children, she worked as a mother and housewife. She is survived by husband Ferd '54, children Linda, Stephen, John, and Jeffrey, six grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter.

**56** **Windsor T. Sturtevant**, 87, of Medford, Ore., on November 12, 2021. A member of Alpha Tau Omega, he served in the Navy after graduation. He had a long career in sales and management, beginning in the carpet business with Roxbury Carpet Co. and Masland Carpets, then working for K-H Building Maintenance, Feederbuilt Motors, and Bernard Haldane Assoc., retiring as regional vice president. He is survived by wife Barbara (Sharples), sons Ty and Alan, and three grandchildren.

**Robert Vuillet**, 88, of Haines, Alaska, on December 24, 2021. A member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, he first worked in the insurance business with Chubb Insurance. He then went to work for the Concord Watch Corp. in NYC, later called the North American Watch Corp., and finally the Movado Group. He had a 40-year career with the company in sales and management, including as vice president of sales, retiring when he was 79. Predeceased by wife Sally (Smith) '56, he is survived by daughters Heather '81, Kathleen '82, and Suzanne, eight grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

**Mona Meyers Wheatley**, 87, of Dallas, Texas, on November 27, 2021. A Kappa Kappa Gamma, she earned a master's degree in education from Boston Univ., and for a decade she taught special needs children at Center School in Bedford, Mass. Joining the staff at the College in 1980 as the director of Annual Funds, she served in numerous positions in development and alumni relations for 20 years, culminating with her role as director of Bicentennial planning for Middlebury's celebration in 2000. A role model for young women, she was awarded the Sister Elizabeth Candon Distinguished Service Award by the Vermont Women in Higher Education. A tireless volunteer for Middlebury, she received the 2001 Alumni Plaque Award. She had a love for figure skating and served as an accountant for the U.S. Figure Skating Assoc. among other commitments to the sport. She is survived by children John, Linda, and Allison '84, seven grandchildren, and ex-husband Jack Wheatley '56.

**57** **Jane Fraser Beylouny**, 84, of Woodstock, Ga., on February 26, 2021. A Sigma Kappa, she attended Katherine Gibbs Secretarial School after graduation and worked at various secretarial jobs, including at Wagner College and Harvard Graduate School of Education. In 1982, she earned her MS in library science from Long Island Univ. and was a children's librarian until she retired. Predeceased by husband George, she is survived by daughters Randa and Heather, and stepchildren George and Joanne.

**Robert R. Burlington**, 86, of Seneca, S.C., on January 18, 2022. A Chi Psi at Middlebury, he served in the Army as a first lieutenant. He worked for IBM in corporate purchasing for 35 years before retiring and

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relocating to Seneca, S.C., where he was part of the family business, Sweet Retreat Fun Center, which offered ice cream and miniature golf. He is survived by wife Cynthia (Harmon), sons Stephen and David, four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

**Mary Porter Marsh**, 85, formerly of San Bruno, Calif., on December 28, 2021. Moving home to Chicago after graduation, she worked several years for a general merchandise warehouse before joining United Airlines and working in various management positions. She also worked in the financial services industry, including at Bank of America. With a lifelong love of music, she sang over 20 years with the San Francisco Symphony Chorus and also performed with the Robert Shaw Workshops at Carnegie Hall. She is survived by long-time partner Jack Vincent.

**Phyllis Libman Ruzzi**, 86, formerly of Athens, N.Y., on January 12, 2022. She had a teaching career in elementary education before marrying and raising her children. During this time she was the New York State coordinator for Le Leche League and spent many years supporting and educating mothers in breastfeeding. She also enjoyed collecting and selling antiques. She returned to work as the elementary school counselor at Greenville Elementary School and later returned to the classroom to teach fifth grade, retiring in 2000. Predeceased by her first husband, Menashe Sofer, she is survived by husband Francis Ruzzi, children Erica, John, Alec, Caitlyn, and Roxanna, 13 grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren. Middlebury relatives include sister Bo Keppel '63.

**58 William F. Barenborg**, 85, of Summerville, S.C., on January 20, 2022. A Zeta Psi, he went to work as a chemist for Ciba Pharmaceutical after graduation. He then joined the Army Reserve and trained to be a medic. After the Army, he worked for Allied Chemical Corp. and sold plastics and resins before joining WR Grace as a marketing researcher. He served in various marketing and financial capacities until retiring in 1999. Predeceased by wife Jane (Currie), he is survived by children Mary Elizabeth, Bill, and Kristen, and five grandchildren. Middlebury relatives include brother David '60 (deceased) and nephew David '83.

**59 Bruce A. Phinney**, 84, of Williamsburg, Va., on December 3, 2021. A Chi Psi at Middlebury, he enlisted in the Army where he served for many years, including in Korea and Vietnam, retiring as a colonel. He then worked as a senior associate for Brault and Associates before serving as vice president for Paul-Tittle Associates in McLean, Va. He and wife Kay had three sons, Sean, Todd, and Nathan.

**Otis L. Smith**, 87, of Marco Island, Fla., on December 22, 2021. A member of Theta Chi, he served in the

Army from 1955 to 1957. With an MFA from Carnegie-Mellon Univ., he had a long career as an executive in the television and entertainment industry, working for the BBC, Twentieth Century Fox, ABC, and World Vision, from which he retired in 1984. He then ran his own company, Smith Television Enterprise. Predeceased by son Bradford, he is survived by wife Gay (Nelson) '58 and daughter Gigi Schofield. Middlebury relatives include nephew Sean Nelson '02.

**61 R. Lindwood Faxon**, 81, formerly of Stamford, Conn., on November 11, 2021. A Kappa Delta Rho, he served in the Army Air Defense Artillery after graduation. With an MBA from Columbia Univ. School of Business, he worked at Shell Chemical for seven years. He then worked as a financial planner for several manufacturing companies and became interested in computer programming. He eventually started his own company, Stephen Archer Assoc., developing his own financial forecasting software called CapPlans and ProPlans. Predeceased by wife Diane (Etienne), he is survived by daughters Krista '86, Julianne '88, and Marlena '92, and eight grandchildren, including Stephen Seymour '14, and Meade Atkeson '15.

**62 Sarah Howland Braddock**, 81, of Ithaca, N.Y., on January 1, 2022. A Theta Chi Omega at Middlebury, she worked at Northwestern Univ., as an administrative assistant for the Office of Naval Research in London, and at the *Journal of Marketing*. While raising her children she was an active volunteer, then worked as the coordinator of the language laboratory at Saginaw Valley State Univ., while living in Midland, Mich. She is survived by husband Robert '61, sons Jeremy '91 and Nathaniel, and three grandchildren.

**Kendall S. Myers**, 79, of Colorado Springs, Colo., on December 16, 2019. A member of Kappa Delta Rho, he enlisted in the Army and completed an officer orientation course at the Ordnance Center Aberdeen. He served several years, both in the U.S. and in Korea, and finally Vietnam, where he was the commanding officer of the 552nd Light Maintenance Co. Leaving the service in 1968, he then had a long career with State Farm Insurance as a claim adjuster with a promotion to superintendent. He and Garlene (Shull) had two children, Michelle and David.

**Grant A. Weier**, 81, of Fletcher, Vt., on January 6, 2022. Following graduation, he worked five years in sales for Vermont Transit Lines in Burlington. He then joined Northeast Airlines in Boston as a sales representative. Northeast merged with Delta Air Lines and he served as Delta's first sales manager in Germany when it began its first trans-Atlantic route to Frankfurt. Later based in Cincinnati, he taught as an adjunct professor at Northern Kentucky State Univ. After retiring, he

drove buses part time for Vermont Transit for over 20 years. He is survived by brother Stuart and his family. Deceased Middlebury relatives include father William '33.

**63 Edward S. Germond**, 80, of Conway, S.C., on December 18, 2021. A member of Sigma Phi Epsilon at Middlebury, he served in the Marine Corps after college. Earning an MBA from the Univ. of Virginia, he held various positions over the years, including product manager then director of merchandising at Cole National Corp., and real estate manager then director of advertising at Endicott Johnson Corp. He then worked in merchandising at Fotomat Corp.

**Alan H. Manas**, 78, of Phoenix, Ariz., and Dillon, Mont., on May 21, 2021. He earned his MD from Tufts Univ. School of Medicine in 1967 then served two years in the Air Force in Nebraska. With a residency in ophthalmology, he worked in a practice in Hartford, Conn., from 1973 to 1979. He then opened his own practice in Sun City, Ariz., and retired in 1999. He and wife Kristin had three children, Richard, Christopher, and Heather.

**James E. Woods**, 82, of Pittsford, N.Y., on November 18, 2021. A member of Delta Upsilon, he served in the Army Reserve as a medic. Recruited by the marketing and sales department at Eastman Kodak Co., he worked there until 1981, when he and a partner bought a 100-year-old corrugated and setup box company, H. P. Neun. Over 30 years they built it into a successful business that employed several hundred people in five locations. He is survived by wife Barbara (Wilson), children Deborah, James, and Amy, and six grandchildren.

**65 Frederick H. Eppenberger**, 78, of St. Louis, Miss., on January 27, 2022. A member of Alpha Sigma Psi, he earned his law degree from Harvard Univ. in 1968. He then served three years in the Army Military Police Corps. in Germany before joining his father's law firm and working for seven years. He started Rubbings & Replicas in 1978, a specialty retail art store, which he ran several years before returning to law in his own private practice. He is survived by sons David and Michael, and five grandchildren.

**Patrick C. Wells**, 78, of Tucson, Ariz., on December 28, 2021. A member of Sigma Epsilon, he served in the Army in Korea as a forward observer and received the Army Commendation Medal for work training recruits with behavioral problems and learning disabilities at Fort Knox. He cofounded Lundgren Brothers Construction and was president of Lundgren Brothers Remodeling. He became an independent and Hollywood film producer, producing films such as *The Personals*, *Youngblood*, and *I Love You to Death*. He was an

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author, public speaker, featured radio show guest, and college instructor. He was passionate about researching near-death experiences and the meaning of life. He is survived by wife Linda, daughters Margie and Crissi, and three grandchildren.

**66** William F. Frank, 77, of Highland, N.Y., on January 19, 2022. A Theta Chi, he earned his MA in philosophy from the Univ. of Chicago in 1969 and his PhD in mathematical linguistics from the Univ. of Pennsylvania in 1976. He taught philosophy and computer science at Oregon State Univ. for 10 years and served as faculty president. He then worked in systems architecture for Bell Laboratories in New Jersey and taught at MIT in Boston. He began his own systems consulting business designing financial enterprise systems. He is survived by sons Aaron and Toby '92, and three grandchildren.

**67** Charles F. Emmons, 67, of Brookfield, Vt., on January 28, 2022. After a year at Middlebury, he transferred to Columbia Univ. and earned his bachelor's degree. He had a long career as a teacher, working in NYC at McBurney School, in Lugano, Switzerland, at Franklin Univ., at Vermont Technical School, and Norwich Univ. in Northfield, Vt. He is survived by wife Anna Ferri and son Chase.

**68** David K. Smith Jr., 75, of Middlebury, Vt., on November 23, 2021. He served two years in the Peace Corps in Sierra Leone after college. With an MBA from Amos Tuck School at Dartmouth and a PhD in marketing from the Univ. of Minnesota, he taught at several different colleges, including Southeast Missouri State Univ., where he served as marketing professor and chair for 17 years, retiring in 2009. He then took the position of dean of the School of Business and Entrepreneurship at American Univ. Nigeria and then dean of the faculty of management and social sciences at Baze Univ. in Nigeria. He was a prolific researcher and writer and served as co-editor of the *Global Journal of Business Pedagogy*. He is survived by wife Teresa, daughters Sarah and Kristin '08, stepchildren Ingeborg and Kurt, and five step-grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include parents David '42 and Carol (Hartman) '43, uncles James '40 and Larry '49 Smith, and aunt Jean Smith Davies '49.

**70** William J. Dockery Jr., 73, of Tom's River, N.J., on December 6, 2021. A member of Kappa Delta Rho, he studied the summer of 1969 at Middlebury's Chinese School. He then spent four years after graduation studying Chinese history at Cornell Univ. After a year in Taiwan, attempting to improve his Mandarin, he began a long teaching career in Hong Kong, teaching at both the high school and university levels. He is survived by several extended family members.



**JEFFREY W. CASON**

**FEBRUARY 7, 1962-JULY 14, 2022**

Jeffrey W. Cason, 60, executive vice president and provost and Edward C. Knox Professor of International Studies and Political Science, died July 14, 2022, at UVM Medical Center in Burlington, Vermont. He was a resident of Middlebury.

After graduating from Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana, he hitchhiked through Central and South America before earning his master's and doctorate at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. He began teaching at Middlebury in 1994 as an assistant professor of political science; he became an associate professor in 2001 and was named a professor and dean of International Programs in 2006. In 2008 he was appointed to the professorship honoring Edward Knox, College professor emeritus.

"In the classroom, students and department colleagues appreciated Jeff's humor and kindness and respected him for his academic rigor," says Amy Yuen, professor and chair of the Political Science Department. "Our department has

lost an excellent scholar, a beloved teacher, and a cherished friend."

Fluent in Spanish and Portuguese, he was an accomplished scholar and expert in development, economic integration, and democratization in Latin America. He received several Fulbright Awards to support his research in Brazil and Uruguay. He coauthored *Overseas Research: A Practical Guide* and authored a book on the South American trade bloc or Common Market, *The Political Economy of Integration: The Experience of Mercosur*.

As dean of the International Programs, he expanded Middlebury's global network to include Jordan, Israel, Morocco, Japan, Brazil, Cameroon, Egypt, India, and the United Kingdom in order to provide a greater variety of study abroad opportunities for students. He served as dean until 2015, when he became the vice president for Academic Affairs and dean of the Language Schools, with additional responsibilities for the Bread Loaf School of English, the Bread Loaf Writers' Conferences, and the School of the Environment as well as International Programs. In January 2018, he was appointed executive vice president and interim provost of Middlebury, a position that became permanent one year later.

President Laurie Patton says, "Jeff knew and loved Middlebury deeply. He had a sense of excitement about building and deepening this wonderful institution for the 21st century, and he embodied the idea of 'innovation with a keen eye to tradition,' which helped to guide us through work ranging from new initiatives to unexpected challenges, including the pandemic."

Travel played an important role in Jeff's life and career. Aside from work-related trips to South America, Europe, Africa, and Asia, he and his family took memorable sabbaticals in Brazil and Italy.

He is survived by wife Gail Borden, director of special projects for the Provost's Office; son Gabriel; stepchildren Elias and fiancée Allison, and Sophia; and his father, stepmother, and siblings and their families.

**71** Craig A. Morris, 72, of Monkton, Vt., on December 5, 2021. He had a career that spanned over 40 years as a professional photographer. He opened his own business in 1977, which he ran for seven years before joining Maclean-Stevens Studio, where he worked as a photographer and regional vice president. Most recently he was the district operations manager for a school portrait photography company in Florida. He was also a talented artist, with architectural oil paintings being his specialty. He is survived by wife Mary (Perkins), sons Jamie and Brendan, and three grandchildren.

**Dana K. Woodfield**, 67, of Newbury, Mass., on January 11, 2017. She worked as a paralegal at various Boston law firms for many years and later worked for Millipore Corp. She is survived by children Katie and Alan.

**72** John H. McClain, 71, of Bristol, Vt., on December 14, 2021. Settling in Vermont, he learned masonry and then became a master builder, crafting some of Vermont's nicest homes, working at Connor and Buck. He is survived by longtime partner Clarisse Shechter and her children, his sons Ethan, Owen, and Kevin, and four grandchildren.

**73** Peter D. Burgdorff, 69, of Summit, N.J., on December 26, 2020. After leaving Middlebury, he earned his BA at Principia College in 1974. For 25 years he worked in his family's real estate business, Burgdorff Realtors. In 1996 he sold the business to ERA Franchise Systems and served as president. In retirement, he and his wife fostered litters of puppies through St. Huberts Animal Welfare Center in Madison, N.J. He is survived by wife Glynis and chil-

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dren Katharine '01, Laurie '02, Douglas, Christopher, and Julia.

**Jacqueline van Zanten Hawkins**, 51, of Philadelphia, Pa., on June 8, 2002. Living in NYC, she worked at the Whitney Museum of American Art and then in publishing. Moving to Philadelphia, she worked for the Rosenbach Museum and Library in Center City. She was predeceased by husband Kenneth Hawkins.

**74 Valerie Mueller Branam**, 69, of Reedsville, Wis., on December 22, 2021. After graduation, she moved to Chicago and worked as an auditor for Continental Bank. She homeschooled her children as they grew and was a tireless volunteer. She particularly enjoyed helping others as she worked for the Crossing of Manitowoc, a crisis pregnancy center. She is survived by husband Timothy, daughters Janessa and Caitlyn, sons Christopher and Andrew, 12 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

**Philip B. Davis**, 69, of Albuquerque, N.M., on January 27, 2022. With a JD from the Univ. of New Mexico School of Law, he was a longtime New Mexico attorney that many referred to as "Mr. Civil Rights of New Mexico." For more than 40 years he served as counsel on major civil rights cases and was a mentor to up-and-coming attorneys. For 20 years he also taught courses at the Univ. of New Mexico, where students studied his cases. He is survived by wife Lee, daughter Rachel '00, son Nicholas, and four grandchildren.

**75 Deborah Curtis**, 64, of Portland, Maine, on May 8, 2017. Leaving Middlebury, she earned her bachelor's from Williams College in their first co-ed class. She received her law degree from Cornell Univ. and worked as an assistant district attorney in NYC. Moving to Portland, she began teaching history at Waynflete School, where she worked 33 years and was a dedicated sponsor of the arts, especially theater. She also led the Mock Trial and Model UN programs. Predeceased by daughter Victoria, she is survived by sons Will and Ned and one grandchild.

**77 Gregory B. Bessey**, 66, of Hebron, Maine, on November 28, 2021. After attending Middlebury, he worked at Wilner Wood Products as a pattern designer. He then began his own cabinetmaking business. Besides being a talented carpenter, he was also a talented musician, playing in several bands and for local churches, and he taught piano and guitar. He is survived by stepsons Steve and Nick, and five step-grandchildren.

**79 Janet Jones Shipp**, 64, of Wilton, Conn., on December 9, 2021. She joined the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater in NYC and also attended Katherine Gibbs Secretarial School. Earning an MBA

at the Univ. of Bridgeport, she worked for 34 years at Glencore Ltd., a multinational commodity trading company. She is survived by sons Hunter and Wesley and fiancé Curtis Singleton '79.

**85 Peter A. Clough**, 59, of Naperville, Ill., on January 21, 2022. He had a long, successful career in the reinsurance and insurance industries, working at companies such as Towers Perrin Reinsurance in Philadelphia and Shand Morahan in Deerfield, Ill., and companies in London and NYC. He is survived by sons Zachary and Samuel, and partner Michelle Hodum.

**87 Gayle M. Ball**, 56, of Bernardston, Mass., on November 10, 2021. After a year at Middlebury, she transferred to Ohio Wesleyan Univ. and earned her BA. She then earned a master's degree in library science at the Univ. of Albany. She began her career at the Rhode Island Historical Society in Providence, then worked at the library at Miami Univ. in Ohio before moving to Massachusetts to work at the Springfield City Library, where she became supervisor of technical services and collections. She is survived by husband George Miller.

**99 Heather G. Budd**, 45, of Oakland, Calif., on November 29, 2021. After focusing several years on art, she changed careers to health care, working for many years as a clinical coordinator at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. She then worked for Arcadia Healthcare, followed by Blackstone Valley Community HealthCare. Beginning in 2013, she worked as executive VP of clinical transformation at Azara Healthcare. She also attended the New York School of Homeopathy and practiced as a homeopath. She is survived by husband Robin Barooah. Middlebury relatives include aunt Karen Naess Budd '62.

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**Jennifer Gilman Nelson**, 80, of Middlebury, Vt., on April 24, 2022. After attending the Univ. of Chicago, she moved with husband Paul to Middlebury, where she worked for the College in the Geography and Psychology Departments and for the music library. She also served as a research assistant for the Committee on Art in Public Places from 1996 to 1999 and for the History of Art and Architecture Dept. from 2000 to 2001. From 1998 to 2005, she and Paul served as faculty heads of Brainerd Commons. In 1991 she earned her BA in art history through Smith College's Ada Comstock Scholars Program for mature women. She was an active volunteer with the St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and served as chair of its Peasant Market among other activities. She had a great interest in architecture and urban planning. She is survived by husband Paul, professor emeritus of political science, children Theodore and Margaret, and six grandchildren.

**Rita Stone Pelkey**, 83, of Middlebury, Vt., on March 22, 2022. She joined the College staff in September of 1992 as a part-time server worker, becoming full time in 1994. In 1998, she was promoted to cashier and counter worker, positions she held until retirement in 2004. She also held an on-call catering position and after retirement, continued to work two more years in catering for Middlebury. In retirement she spent much of her time knitting and sewing items that she gave to her church and to Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects. She was an avid fan of the men's hockey program at the College. Predeceased by husband Francis, she is survived by children Dawn and Skye, three grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

**Elizabeth Patch Wilkinson**, 91, of East Middlebury, Vt., on March 16, 2022. After graduating from high school, she attended Fay Secretarial School in Boston and worked for C. R. Swaney Co. running the switchboard. Moving to Middlebury, she joined the staff of the College in 1967 and worked in various offices including Mailing Services, the Placement Office, Campus Security, and the College Bookstore. In 1987 she became a dispatcher with Campus Security and held that position until she retired in 1994. She had many interests, including computers, research, photography, and genealogy. Predeceased by husband Roy and daughter Wendy, she is survived by sons Alan and Barry, eight grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren.

## GRADUATE SCHOOLS FACULTY

**Jochen H. Richter**, 80, of Meadville, Pa., on February 10, 2022. He was a graduate of the University of Kiel, Germany, where he received his Philosophicum, and he earned his Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy in German literature from Syracuse University. He taught for over 45 years as the Mary Biehler Professor of Modern and Classical Languages at Allegheny College in Meadville, Pa. He was awarded the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany, also known as the Federal Cross of Merit, which is the highest honor that can be presented to individuals for services to the nation. He began teaching at the Middlebury German School in the late 1970s and was a beloved professor for over 30 years. In 1997 he became the director of the school, where he served until 2009. Under his tenure as director, the German School expanded in size; added its prestigious program for professional musicians, German for Singers; and changed the graduate program's focus from a purely literature-based curriculum to a broader one encompassing German studies. He is survived by wife Karen and children Mark and Kirsten and their families.

## GRADUATE SCHOOLS

**54 Dominic D. Mautone**, 94, MA French, of Bristow, Va., on November 21, 2021. He served in the Air Force from 1946 to 1949 as a P-51 aircraft

mechanic. He taught French in Belgium as a Fulbright Scholar, then taught French in Detroit and Fairfax, Va., where he taught at Annandale High School.

**61** **Astrid Witschi-Bernz**, MA French, of Bern, Switzerland, on October 5, 2017. A graduate of Wellesley, she cared deeply about its mission to educate women. She brought her intellect and appreciation for languages, history, culture, art, politics, and nature to her life in Bern.

**62** **Howard N. Rigby Jr.**, 91, MA Russian, of West Chester, Pa., on January 30, 2022. He began his career in 1960 at Friends' Select School in Philadelphia teaching German, French, Latin, English, and Russian. He retired in 1981.

**67** **Nancy Kolbe Stumhofer**, 82, MA English, of Orwigsburg, Pa., on December 13, 2021. She taught high school English in the 1960s then taught English composition literature and women's studies at Penn State Schuylkill campus from 1967 to 1998. She also created the Centers for Academic Achievement in 1980.

**68** **William E. Elwell**, 86, MA German, of Columbus, Ohio, on December 26, 2021. A Fulbright Scholar to Germany in 1957–58, he taught foreign languages, particularly German, in high schools in East Aurora, N.Y., Rocky River, Ohio, and Columbus, Ohio.

**Arthur J. Gressel**, 79, MA German, of Vacaville, Calif., on January 18, 2022. He taught as adjunct professor in German literature and composition at Nassau Community College then served as dean of students, assistant principal, and principal at both Copiague Junior and Senior High Schools.

**J. William Mees**, 83, MA French, of Pepperell, Mass., on January 28, 2022. He taught French and history in several private schools before joining the faculty at the Lawrence Academy in Groton, Mass., where he taught English, French, and Spanish for 33 years, served as chair of the Language Dept., and served as academic dean and dean of the faculty.

**71** **Robert A. Murken**, 84, MA English, of Lafayette Hill, Pa., on June 20, 2019. He was a poet and teacher, including in the South Orangetown Central School District in Blauvelt, N.Y.

**72** **Keith E. Locke**, 75, MA German, of Elkins Park, N.Y., on November 27, 2021. During the Vietnam War, he served as a special agent in charge in the Army Military Intelligence in Germany. He served as an adjunct faculty member at Butler Univ., Purdue Univ., and Indiana Univ. in the 1990s. He then had a

long successful business career, including in leadership roles in sales and marketing, and in business consulting and coaching.

**75** **Georgette M. Coffey**, 84, MA French, of Eastchester, N.Y., on December 3, 2021. She taught at the Colegio Sacre-Coeur de Marie in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; at several private and parochial schools of the Archdiocese of New York; and at Kennedy Catholic High School in Somers, N.Y.

**79** **Clive W. Bridgham**, 67, MA English, of East Providence, R.I., on January 10, 2018. A sports medicine specialist and chiropractor, he worked at the Rio and Salt Lake City Olympic Games.

**82** **Carol Kirker Low**, 69, MA English, of Carroll, Ohio, on November 30, 2021. She taught English for many years at Pickerington High School in Ohio.

**85** **Wendy Graham Mathews**, 60, MA Spanish, of Vienna, Va., on December 31, 2021. She had a teaching career that spanned many years, which was a source of great fulfillment in her life.

**90** **Sharon J. Workman**, 91, MA English, of Stamford, Conn., on November 9, 2021. During the Korean War, she worked in Tokyo for the Army as a military intelligence analyst in the Far East Command's Psychological Warfare Branch. In the 1950s, she worked for *Life Magazine* as its first high society reporter. Later she was a researcher, reporter, and editor for Time Inc., at *People Magazine*.

**91** **Yvonne L. De Mars**, 75, MA French, of Hardin, Mont., on December 4, 2021. She pursued a career in teaching English, French, and Spanish in Utah and Montana, and she spent many years teaching at Hardin High School.

**Lesley Carroll Hauser**, 53, MA Spanish, of Charlestown, Mass., on December 14, 2021. With a law degree from Loyola Univ., she was an immigration attorney at the Boston law firm of O'Neil and Hauser for 26 years.

**15** **Stanley K. Badgett**, 74, MA English, of Carbondale, Colo., on November 24, 2021. He taught caving for Colorado Mountain College and mined coal seven years. He published personal narratives in *Rock Dust* and *Tenuous* and poetry in *Carnival of Poems*, and published the book *Digging in the Dust*. He also taught high school logic and writing.